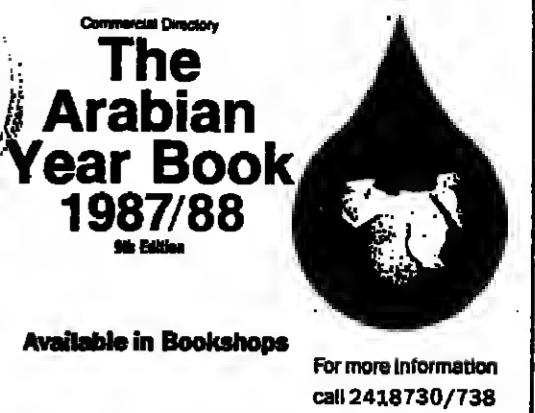


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## Stocks soar

NEW YORK, (Reuter): Wall Street's blue-chip stocks reconquered the 2,000-point level in heavy trading yesterday as many investors were carried away by hopes that recent US interest rate increases had peaked. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 52.45 points at 2,008.89, its high for the day, at mid-afternoon. The Dow last closed above 2,000 on May 16.

## Mandate renewed

UNITED NATIONS, (Reuter): The Security Council has unanimously approved a six-month renewal of the mandate of the UN Disengagement Observer Force (Undof) which serves as a buffer between the Syrian and Israeli Armies in the Golan Heights. The new mandate expires on Nov 30. Undof, established in 1974, is made up of about 1,330 officers and men from Austria, Canada, Finland and Poland.

## Visit postponed

VIENNA, (Reuter): Austrian President Kurt Waldheim has postponed scheduled visits to the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait next week because they would clash with the forthcoming Arab summit in Algiers, his office announced.

## Diplomatic ties

VIENNA, (Reuter): Czechoslovakia and the United Arab Emirates will establish diplomatic relations on June 1, the official Czechoslovak news agency Ceteka has reported.

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## Lebanon

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- ملٹری لئے اکٹھ
- بچب اور سرحد میں
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## WEATHER

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## Pakistan's President may head own interim government

# Opposition rejects election under Zia

KARACHI, May 31, (Reuter): Pakistan's main opposition parties said today they would not participate in elections controlled by President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

"Any election held under Zia's supervision cannot be acceptable to us," Benazir Bhutto, head of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP), said in a statement in reply to Zia's announcement on Sunday that he would call elections within 90 days.

Mairaj Mohammad Khan, convenor of the nine-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD), said he agreed.

Meanwhile, diplomatic sources said Zia may himself form a caretaker government to replace the one he sacked at the weekend.

### Probe

The sources, who declined to be identified, said Zia's closest aides told them as much during a briefing and reception held by the President for the diplomatic community to explain why he dismissed his government on Sunday.

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ministers in the capital and the four provinces for a caretaker administration. Such patronage gives him great influence, said one analyst.

Today, retired General Fazle Had was appointed caretaker head of the North-West Frontier Province, and Nawaz Sharif, dubbed "Iron man of the Punjab," was reappointed to control the Punjab. Both are known as close Zia associates. Two other ministers were also appointed in Punjab. They are: Chaudhury Abdul Ghaffor and Malik Allah Baksh Tiwana.

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## Gemayel may postpone presidential polls

# Jumblatt warns of new civil war



Jumblatt: fear

LEBANESE Druze leader Walid Jumblatt said yesterday that a new civil war could break out in Lebanon if President Amine Gemayel tried to postpone presidential elections scheduled for September.

Jumblatt told a news conference in Kuwait he feared that Gemayel would conspire with the hardline, right-wing, Christian Lebanese Forces militia to delay the elections and retain power through a transitional government.

"We fear that (Lebanese Forces leader) Samir Geagea in cooperation with Gemayel will obstruct the elections and cause a constitutional vacuum," Jumblatt said.

### Beginning

Gemayel may form a transitional government... to pass through the constitutional vacuum and continue in power directly or indirectly. We are warning against this because it could be the beginning of a new civil war," he added.

Tens of thousands have been killed in fighting between rival Lebanese militias since 1975. Gemayel completes his six-year term this year.

Jumblatt said he had discussed with HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kuwait Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah and other senior officials in Kuwait and in Saudi Arabia the need to find a president acceptable to all parties in the Lebanese conflict.

"We want a president we can at least talk with. We don't want a president who sends us car bombs or uses the Lebanese Army to destroy Beirut, the suburbs or the mountains," he said.

### Character

Jumblatt said political reforms to redistribute power between Christians and Muslims in Lebanon were now less important than preserving its Arab character and links with the Arab world.

These were threatened by collusion between the Lebanese Forces and Israel, he said. Jumblatt, whose Progressive Socialist Party has nominated its

## Israeli troops accused of brutality

TEL AVIV, May 31, (Reuter): A UN official accused Israeli troops today of random brutality and a parliamentary committee was told military excesses were the main cause of the Palestinian uprising in Israeli-occupied territories.

William Lee, spokesman for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, said: "There are random beatings. I believe it is pervasive, random and unprovoked, and it is used for the purposes of intimidation."

### Blame

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin announced in January a policy of "might, power and beatings" that provoked worldwide condemnation. Countries usually friendly to Israel accused its troops of using excessive force.

Israeli Army officials say excesses have since been curbed.

Knesset member Yossi Sarid of the Citizens Rights Movement

told a parliamentary committee that a senior official responsible for the occupied territories had blamed unrest on Army brutality and degradation.

Participants at the closed meeting of the foreign affairs and defence committee quoted Sarid as saying he had obtained documents showing that 5,130 people had been wounded in the uprising.

"At least 207 Palestinians and two Israelis have died in nearly six months of unrest."

"UN spokesman Lee said the Army had beaten Palestinians on days when relatively little violence had occurred. Last weekend, he said troops beat 19 Palestinians, including a four-year-old boy and a man of 60."

"It has become routine. This is

the shocking thing about it," Lee said.

An Army spokesman denied Lee's accusations, saying: "The Army's policy is to fight against indiscriminate beatings. We don't accept beating civilians when it is not deemed necessary. It is illegal."

### Joke

At the committee meeting, Sarid told Rabin: "You have not overcome the flood of cases of excessive use of force because the investigations come too late and are negligent. They are sometimes a joke and the trial is sometimes a caricature."

In one case, Sarid said an officer and a soldier convicted of shooting dead a 15-year-old boy from the West Bank village of Azmut received respectively a reprimand and a 35-day suspended sentence.

Sarid said the trial established that soldiers deliberately delayed the boy's journey to hospital.

## Boat hits mine in Gulf, one killed

ABU DHABI, May 31, (UPI): One Indian was killed and two others wounded when their small fishing boat hit a mine today off the United Arab Emirates' eastern coast, the official Emirati news agency reported.

The agency quoted an official source at the Interior Ministry as saying one of the wounded was in serious condition.

The coastal waters, where the incident occurred, are just north of a major coastal anchorage off Khor Fakkan, used by tankers and other commercial vessels going to and from the Gulf.

The anchorage is the staging area for US Navy-escorted convoys of American-flagged tankers bound for Kuwait.

The explosion destroyed the boat, killing one fisherman and injuring two others, one of whom is in serious condition," the unidentified source was quoted as saying.

In a separate development, Iran's top war spokesman told its newly-elected Parliament today that the war with Iraq was still Tehran's priority issue. Iran's national news agency Irna reported.

### Stroll

Following the day's only summit session, Gorbachev strolled through Red Square, a stroll which delighted and surprised visitors, not the least when Gorbachev picked up and cuddled a little boy. Reagan said he found Red Square "wonderful."

During an encounter with



Gorbachev and Reagan (right) walk with a baby in Red Square as the two took a stroll after talks yesterday morning. (Reuter wirephoto)

about another time, another era."

Several reporters permitted access to Reagan for a few minutes described him as looking tired and possibly limping. Spok-

eman Martin Fitzwater, said, "There is no problem with the President's health," but that "he did have a difficult night's sleep."

The 77-year-old President arrived here on Sunday after a four-day rest stop in Helsinki, Finland, en route from Washington.

On their third day of talks, Reagan and Gorbachev met in the Soviet leader's Kremlin office, sitting beneath a portrait of Karl Marx and holding what Fitzwater called a largely "philosophical" discussion on perestroika -- Gorbachev's economic reform effort -- that ran more than an hour.

They also discussed prospects for cooling Third World conflicts.

Officials on both sides said today's agenda was devoted to bilateral issues and superpower efforts to resolve armed conflicts in Southern Africa, the Middle East and Gulf, Kampuchea, Central America and Afghanistan.

The leaders also watched and joined in the applause as Secretary of State George Shultz

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## Soviets withdrawing from key Afghan towns

ISLAMABAD, May 31. (Reuter): Soviet forces have started to withdraw from larger Afghan towns crucial to the Soviet-backed government's defence of the country, latest Western intelligence reports say.

They are withdrawing from Gardez and Ghazni in the south-east, Kandahar in the deep south, and Herat in the far west, said Western diplomatic reports reaching Pakistan from Kabul today.

Western military sources said the gradual withdrawal of Soviet forces poses a serious threat to the morale of government troops left alone to face mujahideen guerrillas.

The reports, quoting usually reliable Afghan sources, said desertions of government troops had increased.

Government forces are now demanding to be withdrawn from the south-eastern border town of Khost which has held out against the guerrillas since Soviet forces arrived to support Kabul in 1979 and now appears threatened, they said.

Local guerrilla commanders said they would take Khost in two months. Western diplomats said it might be earlier.

### Fighting

Fighting in Kandahar continues to be fierce and witnesses reported planes full of bodies returning from there to Kabul.

Some diplomats said guerrilla rocket attacks on Kabul over the past week have been the heaviest so far this year.

They reported unusually loud explosions in the city and said the guerrillas may be using a more powerful type of rocket with a longer range.

Diplomats would not confirm reports that rebel commander Ahmad Shah Massoud in the Panjshir Valley north-east of Kabul had agreed a stand-off with the Soviet command.

A spokesman for Jamiat-e-Islami said on Monday that all Soviet and Afghan troops had left the valley, which straddles the main line of Soviet retreat north.

Most guerrilla groups say they prefer to let Soviet troops go and save their strength for attacks on Kabul forces.

## Meeting with Shultz just a courtesy

# US peace initiative will fail: Rabin

By Susan Sappir

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 31. (Reuter): Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has said a Middle East peace initiative advanced by US Secretary of State George Shultz offers no chance of success in a year of American and Israeli elections.

The Shultz initiative, calling for an international peace conference to launch direct Arab-Israeli talks, tops the US agenda of regional issues at this week's Moscow summit between President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

"Had it been launched a year ago, it would have had a chance," Rabin told college students on Monday.

### Visit

"In the Arab world, and here, people know that a peace initiative is not something that can be achieved in a month, or three months. They know that elections are due in the US and here," he said.

Rabin met four prominent pro-Jordanian Palestinians yes-

terday to discuss the situation in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip after nearly six months of an anti-Israeli uprising.

Dr Yasser Arafat, director of West Bank hospital services, quoted Rabin as saying a visit by Shultz to Israel and other Middle Eastern states later this week had no chance of success.

"He said we are receiving him because we are two very friendly countries, and our meeting is going to be a courtesy meeting, but we think it cannot produce anything under the circumstances," Arafat told Israel Radio today.

Shultz is due to begin his fourth Middle East peace mission this year immediately after the Moscow summit.

An Israeli official said Rabin met Palestinians twice in the past week and planned additional meetings in keeping with his promise to speak to Palestinian leaders once the uprising subsided.

The official characterised the participants at a meeting last Thursday as pro-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and at yesterday's meeting as pro-Jordanian.

In Tel Aviv, Israel's Army

chief of staff barred two top commanders from speaking today at a conference on the Palestinian uprising, prompting organisers to cancel the event.

Aryeh Shalev, organiser of the symposium at Tel Aviv University's Jaffa Centre for Strategic Studies, said the chief of staff, Lieutenant-General Dan Shomron, rescinded permission he had earlier given to the commanders.

Meanwhile, legislator Dedi Zuckier of the Citizens' Rights Movement submitted an affidavit to Rabin from reserve soldier Ariel Stemker, who said he saw a 12-year-old Arab boy attacked as he emerged from an Army bus transporting him to Dahariya prison near Hebron.

"A soldier started to beat the boy on the barbed wire in a deliberate attempt to injure him," Stemker wrote. "He grabbed the boy from behind, then holding him by the hair and the seat of the pants, threw him up in the air and tried to cut his face on the fence."

Stemker said the soldier ignored his shouts to stop and instead threw the boy "with all his force into a wall, head first."



● An Indian labourer tries to cool off under the spray of a burst water main in New Delhi as temperatures in north India continue to rise. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Superpower summit

(Continued from Page 1) and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze signed several secondary agreements, including a pair of arms accords.

Under one pact, the superpowers will notify each other at least 24 hours in advance of the time, place and intended target of intercontinental-range missile tests. The other sets up joint experiments this summer in Nevada and Semipalatinsk of devices to measure underground nuclear test explosions.

Reagan, continuing his campaign to promote freedom and human rights in the Soviet Union, met over lunch at the House of Writers with artists, filmmakers and writers.

Later, he told students at Moscow University that they are living "in one of the most exciting, hopeful times in Soviet history."

But despite his support for Gorbachev, the two leaders failed to achieve any breakthrough on a 30 to 50 per cent reduction in long-range bombers, land-based missiles and nuclear submarines.

Squabbling over Star Wars — Reagan's space-based defence system — and sorting out pesky verification problems stand in the way.

"I'm sure," Gorbachev said, "that if the President makes good use of his time that we have remaining, I'm sure that we will be able to prepare the treaty."

Both sides expressed a commitment to seeking agreement before Reagan leaves office next January.

Soviet officials announced today that Gorbachev will give a news conference in Moscow tomorrow — believed the first-ever by a Kremlin number one on Soviet territory.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Reuters awards

LONDON, May 31. (Reuter): The Reuter Foundation has awarded fellowships to seven journalists from developing countries to study in universities in Britain, the United States and France.

The foundation said Chen Yu, a photographer on Malaysia's "Malay Mail," was given the Willie Vicki fellowship to the University of Missouri. The award is named after a Reuter photojournalist killed in an ambush in the Philippines in 1986.

### Relief warning

BEIRUT, May 31. (UPI): The Norwegian aid committee warned today it will halt its relief work in Lebanon within a week unless a Belgian doctor who disappeared 10 days ago while working for the group shows up.

"Within a week, Norwac will stop its operations in Lebanon unless Dr (Jan) Cools returns to us," said spokeswoman Kreislin Ingelsgren.

### Plane Incursion

OSLO, May 31. (UPI): The Soviet Union protested to Norway today, saying a West German sports plane deliberately strayed twice into Soviet airspace last weekend, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

"There has been a protest, chief Foreign Ministry spokesman Lasse Seim told UPI. "We don't know exactly why this happened but it is reasonable to assume that it was done in order to mark the first anniversary of Mathias Rust's flight which took place exactly a year ago," he said.

### Earrings

HAMMERFEST, Norway, May 31. (Reuter): A Norwegian soldier has won the right to wear earrings on parade.

Court officials said today that two women judges in this northern Norwegian town had ruled that it was sexual discrimination to order him take them off.

The third judge — a man — disagreed.

### Shoe-shine boys

ISTANBUL, May 31. (Reuter): Shoe-shine boys, whose colourful brass boxes and cheeky boasts of a "five-year guarantee" to clean Turkey's pavements, have now won official recognition.

Seventy boys gained diplomas from Turkey's first shoe-shine school founded by Sivas province governor Lutfi Fikret Tunç, Gunaydin newspaper reported today.

### Bomb explosion

BANGKOK, May 31. (Reuter): A bomb exploded in the southern Thai town Yala, badly injuring a street trader, police today.

Police investigating yesterday's explosion said they were studying possible criminal and political motives involving radical Muslims.

### Earthquake

DARWIN, Australia, May 31. (AP): A strong earthquake, centred south of the Indonesian island of Timor, jolted this northern Australian city and blacked out most of its suburbs for over an hour today.

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## Arms bound for Fiji seized

SYDNEY, May 31. (AP): Australian customs said today they seized a large cache of arms bound for Fiji including machine guns, grenades, anti-tank mines, mortar shells and rocket launchers.

"It's enough to start a small war," spokesman Alastair Wilson told a news conference. "It frightens me."

The container in which the arms were concealed arrived here aboard the vessel *Antar Australia* from the North Yemen port of Hodeidah, he said. It was seized as it was about to be loaded aboard the French-registered *Capitaine Cook II* bound for the Fijian port of Lautoka.

A spokesman for the *Capitaine Cook II*'s owners, Sofra-Unilines, said: "We are obviously totally innocent. We take cargo at face value."

Fiji has had two military coups in the past year and is now ruled by a military-appointed civilian government.

## Americans dislike nomination system

NEW YORK, May 31. (AP): Most Americans dislike the lengthy, expensive and involved process for choosing presidential candidates and many believe the system does not choose the best candidates, according to a Media General-Associated Press poll.

The poll also found that the age groups that like the system the most are those that pay the least attention to the campaigns.

Presidential candidates are chosen through an array of state primaries and caucuses that this year lasted for five months. The caucuses sometimes have bewilderingly elaborate procedures.

### Inadequate

Neither primaries or caucuses select a candidate directly. Instead, the voting is for delegates to the major party's national convention, where the candidates are chosen. Delegates can switch their alliances under some circumstances.

Critics say the system gives undue influence to states that do their choosing early and that candidates must campaign for so long that they have to neglect their other jobs, possibly dis-

couraging conscientious legislators from running.

Thirty-eight per cent of the 1,204 adults in the national poll said the current system is adequate — but only 31 per cent said the convention system was the best possible — while 52 per cent said it is not. Ten per cent had no opinion.

The dissatisfaction evenly spanned ideologies and political affiliations. The most striking split was in age: the youngest adults, ages 18-29, thought by a narrow margin that the system works well enough, while the oldest, those older than 64, broadly favoured major changes, by 56-28 per cent.

The age split was mirrored in levels of attentiveness to the races. Just 27 per cent of the youngest group said they had been following the primary campaigns regularly, compared with 54 per cent of the oldest group.

Fifty-nine per cent they would prefer to have voters select the nominees without any delegates to party conventions.

In another measure of unpopularity with the presidential nomination process, sizable minorities of Americans said the parties generally do not nominate their best candidate from among those running.

## Attempt to bomb Tehran foiled

NICOSIA, May 31. (Reuter): Iranian forces have seized explosives hidden in a truck intended for a bombing attack on the capital, Tehran, the national news agency Ima said today.

Iran, in a report received in Cyprus, said "foreign inspired elements" intended to plant the 30 kgs of explosives in a business area in Tehran and explode it.

The agency said in a dispatch from Samadaj, 60 km from the Iraqi border in north Iran, the explosives were intercepted by revolutionary guards last week but did not say if there were any arrests.

Two men were killed and one escaped on May 10 when a bomb they tried to plant on a railway connecting Tehran to the Gulf war fronts exploded.

Iran hanged 14 men between December and February at the sites of bombs they had planted which killed dozens of people.

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## KUWAIT ... GULF

Quality of goods at popular markets bad

### Customers feel cheated

A NUMBER of interviews was held with consumers to obtain their views on services provided by popular markets.

One of the customers said some popular market owners not only cheated on quality of goods, but also charged higher prices for commodities. He called on officials to pay a single visit to these establishments where they would have evidence of old stocks, defective products and high prices. Another customer, concurring with him, added that especially where foodstuffs and other consumer goods are concerned, authorities should impose severe penalties, including closing down the offending markets. He added that prices in some popular markets were even higher than supermarkets in Kuwait.

A customer, Mohamad Faleh, stated that due to strong competition among popular markets, most display more goods with a wider range of prices which

cause confusion among consumers.

Salim Abu Saif urged owners of popular markets to organise their markets to make it easier for customers to shop. He believed a market guide for customers would be appreciated.

Riyad Mahmud, an owner of a popular market, said the spread of popular markets played a vital role in resolving the economic crisis in the country. He added that to say all markets cheated was generalising, though he did not deny that some instances of cheating do exist. His profits, he said ranged between 5 to 10 per cent, depending on whether his products were obtained from the local market or abroad.

#### Defective

Another popular market owner, said that most customers look for the cheapest goods, forcing owners to sell defective goods which were obtained from factories in south East Asia —

especially old stocks which are repacked and sold. He urged the Ministry of Commerce to prevent the widespread of markets as, having too many markets, caused low or no profits and contributed to the complaints of cheating, damaged, old stock or spurious goods.

Ali Mohamad Al Sarawi, a representative of one of the trading companies, said that popular markets do thriving business and this is attributed to the increase in their number. As customers are keen in choosing their requirements — especially in the tight existing economic conditions, he called upon officials to conduct vigilante inspection measures.

Fayez Mohamad Ibrahim stated that popular markets played a vital role in making shopping easier for consumers as all items were available under one roof and most of these markets were ideally located to populated areas.

### Kuwait-Bahrain ties strong: Muayyid



HH the Amir yesterday received the Bahraini Information Minister Tareq Al Muayyid (centre). The meeting was attended by Kuwait's Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah.

VISITING Bahraini Information Minister Tareq Al Muayyid yesterday praised the strong ties between Kuwait and Bahrain and described the two Arab Gulf states as constituting "one solid family".

Al Muayyid in a statement to Kuna following his meeting with HH the Amir of Kuwait and HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla Al Sabah, said that he conveyed regards of the Amir of Bahrain Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa and those of the Crown

Prince and the Prime Minister. The Bahraini official praised the pioneer role of the Kuwaiti media which he said gained world respect, despite the extraordinary circumstances surrounding the media movement in Kuwait.

Bahrain and Kuwait are looking for more cooperation in all information fields, Al Muayyid added.

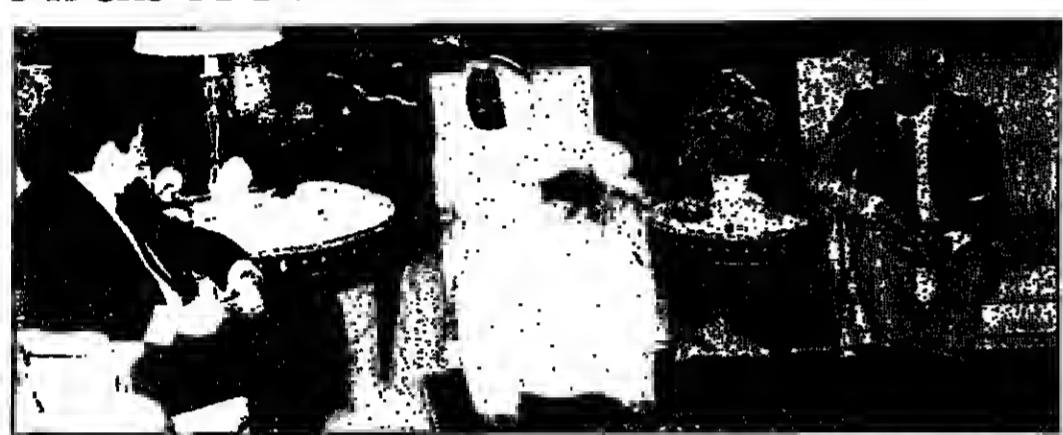
The Bahraini official who is accompanied by a senior delegation from the Ministry of

Information, is on a two-day official visit to Kuwait to respond to an invitation by Kuwaiti Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad.

On the other hand, Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak last evening hosted a dinner banquet at Kuwait SAS Hotel in honour of the Bahraini minister and the accompanying delegation.

The Kuwaiti-Bahraini official talks are scheduled for today.

### Egyptian official discusses Arab issues with Sheikh Sabah



Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed received yesterday the Foreign Relations Committee of the Egyptian Assembly Mohammed Abdulla.

DEPUTY Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed met yesterday with chairman of the Egyptian parliamentary affairs committee and secretary general of the ruling National Party Dr Mohammad Abdulla who is currently visiting Kuwait.

The meeting was attended by Egyptian Ambassador to Kuwait Saeed Rifaat.

Sheikh Sabah told Kuna that the discussions tackled bilateral relations as well as a number of current Arab issues.

Dr Abdullah renewed an invitation from Egyptian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Dr Esmat Abd El Meguid to Sheikh Sabah to visit Cairo.

#### Cooperation

Sheikh Sabah later received Bahraini Information Minister Tareq Al Muayyid on the occasion of his visit to the country.

The meeting was attended by Information Minister, Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad and EEC ambassadors to Kuwait.

### Prince Sultan to be treated for orthopaedic problem

BIRMINGHAM, May 31, (AP): The Defence Minister for Saudi Arabia has arrived to be treated for an orthopaedic problem by a Birmingham doctor, officials said.

Mike Immel, executive director of the Alabama Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center, said Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz would be examined today by Dr James R. Andrews, who is one of six orthopaedic surgeons with the medical group.

Immel said yesterday he did not know yet if surgery will be performed on Aziz's arm or if he will be admitted to the hospital.

Andrews has treated members of the Saudi royal family for at least 10 years. The doctor used to have a "medical" practice in Columbus, Georgia, where he met members of the royal family at the Fort Benning Army Post, Immel said.

The daily commented that the number of owners undertaking changes indicate that the designs of the houses were not preferred by their owners, even though they had signed pledges not to make changes without obtaining previous permission from the NHA and the Municipality.

In a related development, the director general of the NHA, Dr Ibrahim Al Shaheen appealed to

### Large number of residents making changes to NHA houses

A FIELD research conducted by a local news agency on government houses west of Fintas distributed recently to citizens indicated that a large number of these citizens had made several changes to their new homes. The daily reported that most changes involved breaking of fronts, main concrete pillars and bridges of the houses — all considered dangerous. Additionally, the daily reported that the majority of these alterations were done without obtaining prior permission from the relevant authorities.

It also added that citizens spent huge amounts to achieve these changes which had originally cost the state large amounts.

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### Work team to produce joint Gulf programmes

MEETINGS of the programme committee of the Gulf Television Authority came to a close yesterday by endorsing a number of resolutions, topped by entrusting a specialised work team with producing joint Gulf programmes.

The committee also recommended that it meets twice a year, according to the alphabetical order of the names of the seven member states Kuwait, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, UAE, Qatar and Oman.

The conference also agreed upon entrusting the authority with setting up an annual timetable which includes the type of programming required from each Gulf television, in order to produce the Gulf television variety magazine.

Regarding the joint programming production, the committee

got acquainted with the authority's efforts on encouraging and upgrading this kind of programming.

The committee also discussed the matter of collective purchasing of Arabic and foreign serials and reached the conclusion that this procedure will reduce the cost of these programmes.

As for the memo referred by Kuwait Television and the Gulf Television Authority on implementing the special study of upgrading the exchange of news and programmes, the committee decided to make a good use of the weekly news casts which are exchanged between Gulf and other Arab states.

Finally, the participants decided that the next meeting be held in January of 1989 in the United Arab Emirates.

#### S. Arabia to host medical conference

RIYADH, May 31, (Kuna): King Faisal Specialized Hospital will organise an international medical conference here on June 5 on the impact of viruses on medical care and services in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The five-day gathering will review research and a number of papers, including 28 from Saudi Arabia.

Other participants will come from France, the U.S.A., Canada, Britain, Sudan, Australia, Kuwait, Egypt, Jordan, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Botswana, Syria and Iraq.

### Prince Sultan to be treated for orthopaedic problem

"We're going to examine him to determine what if anything needs to be done beyond that point," Immel said.

Immel did not release further details of the ailment, but Jay Zines, administrator for clinical services at South Highlands Hospital, said it involved one of the Defence Minister's knees.

Zines said Aziz probably would be admitted to the hospital.

Zines said he did not know yet if surgery will be performed on Aziz's arm or if he will be admitted to the hospital.

Andrews has treated members of the Saudi royal family for at least 10 years. The doctor used to have a "medical" practice in Columbus, Georgia, where he met members of the royal family at the Fort Benning Army Post, Immel said.

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### Saudi Arabia, Bahrain seek to boost trade ties

For his part, Kassem said his visit to the kingdom comes in the framework of efforts to enhance bilateral relations.

He added that the ratification of unified economic accord would enhance relations among the GCC states.

Later in the day, Saudi Finance and National Economy Minister Mohammad Abu Al Khalil conferred with the visiting Bahraini Trade and Agriculture Minister Habib Kassem on transit of goods through King Fahd causeway, linking Saudi Arabia and Bahrain.

After the meeting, Abu Al Khalil said the causeway had enhanced commercial exchanges between the two countries.

The function was attended by Commerce undersecretary Dr Abdel Rahman Al Zamil and undersecretary for Supplies Tawfiq Al Tawfiq and senior officials.

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## VIDEO CORNER

## Rediscovering Finney

By Brian Hollis

ALBERT Finney was one of the great British film stars of the neo-realists of the early sixties. Films like *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning* and *The Entertainer* were guidelines for behaviour to many. But whatever happened to Finney? Over the past five years he has appeared in roughly one film per year, invariably playing the drunk or down-and-out muddle-headed bum. And he plays the part too well for an amateur!

In *Orphans*, Finney staggers onto the scene as a benign Chicago businessman, on a drunken spree in New York. A minor hoodlum called Treat takes him home to sleep it off in the hope of conning him of some money. Finding stocks and shares in Finney's briefcase, Treat and his brother tie him up, expecting to extract a large kidnap ransom. However, Finney is in reality a benign Chicago gangster who has no difficulty in extricating himself from the clutches of the two brothers. He realises that Treat has isolated and dominated his brother Philip, not allowing him to leave the house and treating him generally as a retard. Harold blows Philip's enclosed world wide open and teaches him to gain a measure of self-confidence. At the same time he subtly undermines Treat's position by offering him money and the lure of power. In reality he has stripped Treat of his position as head of household and breadwinner, and turned him into a slave to his every wish and whim.

Matthew Modine (star of *Birdy*) which is based on

Albert Finney, Matthew Modine and Kevin Anderson in *Orphans*

neon lights of Kansas City. To top it all, when Walker's men are about to be annihilated by the irate peasants, the helicopters arrive via Vietnam, to take all but Walker to safety. So apart from the interest of the film itself, you can simultaneously play the game of 'spot the anachronism'. This film has certainly received some finance somewhere from sympathetic causes, but apart from its propaganda value, it's quite good entertainment.

Several of Robert Ludlum's thrillers such as "The Domino Principle" have already been transferred to the screen. The latest in the line is *The Bourne Identity*, made as a two tape best seller starring Richard Chamberlain and Jaclyn Smith. After a shooting incident aboard a trawler, an almost dead body is washed up

in France and treated by the local doctor. Although the man (Chamberlain) suffers from total amnesia, a microchip buried in his skin mentions a Zurich bank account in the name of Jason Bourne. The search for his real identity uncovers a complex plot, involving international terrorism and the CIA, and so the way he picks up a passing doctor (Jaclyn Smith) who soon becomes hopelessly involved. The movie is fast paced and complex — perfect TV entertainment. But who can believe baby faced Chamberlain as a highly trained invincible CIA hitman? Hopefully the casting director will in future leave him where he belongs as either priest or lover boy.

If you like the more mainstream American bestseller, then *Orphans* — *The Richest Man in*

*the World* is exactly the thing. A slick and expensive production starring Raul Julia as Quiness and Jane Seymour as Jackie, this six hour show unlocks the secret of the "marriage that mystified the world", according to the blurb. Did she really love him or was she only after the money? These vital questions and more are now answered for the cost of renting two video tapes.

Viewers wanting an alternative to the regular video films can watch Steve Davis pit his skills against Cliff Jones in the world snooker final, or see rare footage of Buddy Holly in action on a "super night of rock 'n' roll".

The above films are by courtesy of VFI, Fintas; Video Nauj, Salmiye and Video Club, Salmiya.

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The show's compere, Derek Hicks, with the messed ranks of the choir.



• US Embassy Counsellor James Hooper on Monday hosted a reception to say goodbye to Lee James Irwin, the embassy's first secretary. Irwin is leaving Kuwait shortly after a three-year term of duty. Above: Hooper (left) with Irwin (centre) and Canadian Ambassador David McCracken.

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Boushahri Gallery**  
Watercolour paintings by Yugoslav artist Jovica Prodanovic are open at the Boushahri Gallery, Salem Al Mubarak St, Salmiya, from 2.30 pm to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.40 pm until June 9.

## CINEMA

**Kuwait Cine Club**  
"Three Classic Evenings" is being held at the Kuwait Cine Club. The programme is as follows:

**WEDNESDAY:** Act Without Words (French, 1958, 10 min); D. Guido Bettoli & Brune); The Stringbean (French, 5 min); D. Edouard Sechan); The Magician (Polish, 12 min); D. Tad. Makarczynski); Labyrinth (Polish, 14 min); D. Jan Lejnicki); Renaissance (French, 1963, 10 min); D. Walerian Borowizuk); La Jetee (French, 1962, 30 mins); D. Chris Marker).

All films will be screened at 7.30 pm at the Kuwait Cine Club premises, Boushahri St, nr. Indian Embassy.

## THEATRE

## Bengali Cultural Society

The Society will present "Bichhao," a Hindi drama based on a story by Bengali novelist Mahasweta Devi, on June 2, 3 and June 9, 10, 7.30 pm, at the Mousetrap Theatre, New English School. The play is part of celebration of the 40th Indian independence anniversary. For reservations contact 3903976; 3901807; 5621379.

## Sounds Great

Sounds Great, a pop-rock musical, will be performed at Salma Cinema on June 10, 5pm and 8 pm. The show will feature Juke Box band with June Stevenson and Top Ranks with Adolf. Farewell appearance of Paul Fraser.

Introducing Walid Al Nimer who will dance to Michael Jackson's top hit "Bad". Produced and directed by Ken Winston. Tickets — KD.3. Children — KD.2. For reservations ring 5740256/7; 5516991; 5758870.

## I Got Rhythm

A musical show featuring Reem Yousif Kelani will be presented in the Grand Ballroom, Regency Palace

## Hotel, on June 2, Thursday.

Tickets — KD.10 including dinner. Produced and directed by Glenis Mackie and Kerry Langley. All proceeds will be donated to the British charity Medical Aid for Palestinians to help Dr Pauline Cutting, OBE, and her team, to provide medical care for refugees. For reservations call 5718143; 5387755; 2627003; 5330934.

## KLT

KLT's musical Brigadoon opens with a gala performance on June 1, 7.30 pm. Further performances are at 5.30 pm on June 2, 3 and at 8.15 pm on June 7, 8 and 9. Tickets — KD.3. Children — KD.2. For reservations call 3983724.

## SOCIAL

## German-speaking Cultural Association

The regular coffee morning for German-speaking ladies will be held on June 5, Sunday, from 10 am at the Kuwait Hilton's Old Fajlaka Room. All German speakers are welcome.

## Players Ball

Kuwait Players "end of season ball" on Thursday, June 9, KD.7 per person. For details phone 5330934; 5613465; 5611546.

## Sazz our Awaz

An Indian music group presents "Geetion Bhari Sham," their second concert at the IAC, Fumaiton, on Thursday, June 16, 8 pm. For reservations phone 3985456 or 5638026 after 5 pm.

## Contact

The next meeting of the ladies information group, Cootact, will be held on June 11, from 10 am, at the SAS Hotel. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome. Tel. 3940770 ext. 57; 5384873; 5740627 (answering service).

## NRI Meeting

The Non-Resident Indians (NRI) Annual General Meeting will be held at IAC, Funaiton, on June 7, 7.45 pm. All NRI members and their wives are welcome. State Bank of India officials will give a talk on capital markets. A contributory dinner will follow.

## Badesik Re-union

The Bangladesh Diploma Engineers Society in Kuwait, Badesik, will hold an Eid re-union and a cultural programme, with dinner, on Friday, June 10, at the Meridian's Banquet Hall, 6 pm.

All Bangladeshi diploma engineers can take part. Tel: Altaf Rahman — 9015166; Anas Ali — 4371603.

## Kuwait Players

The Players will hold their social get-together on Wednesday, June 1. Tel: 5330934; 5613465.

## Kuwait Singers

"Songs for a Summer Evening" is the title of a concert by the Singers. It will be held on June 1 at the UAS, Salwa. Tickets — KD.2. For reservations ring 3940770 ext. 57; 5384873; 5740627 (answering service).

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## SPORTS

## PBAK General Meeting

The Philippine Bowlers Association in Kuwait, PBAK, will hold their second general meeting on Friday, June 3, at Mahayat Restaurant at 5.30 pm. They will discuss the forthcoming men's and women's doubles, membership drive, howling choices and other activities. For details contact Sarah Macarimbang on 484-3447.

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## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

2.25 Holy Quran  
2.30 World News via Satellite  
3.30 Cartoons  
4.00 News Summary  
4.05 Magazine D'Actualite  
4.25 Beer Al Tayi: Arabic serial, starring Hussein Abu Sharah, Lina Al Tall, Rabeeh Shihah. Last episode.  
5.30 Variety Show  
6.00 Cultural Film  
7.00 News Summary  
7.05 With Students  
7.45 Folklore  
8.15 Souk Al Ghaz: "Al Dooda's" Featuring Mohammad Saeed, Shirin, Zahra Numani.  
9.00 News to Arabic  
9.50 Hada Al Rajul: Arabic serial, starring Noora, Salah Saadani, Khalid Zaki. Last episode.  
10.50 Music Studio: variety show  
12.00 News Summary / Magazoe D'Actualite / Holy Quran/ Closedown



Dale Robertson plays J.J. Starbuck, 8.40 pm on KTV 2.

quality / Holy Quran/ Closedown

## KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 The Adventures of Gummi Bears: Cartoons  
6.30 Times of the World: "Black" Sounds

Beautiful." Africa folk music.  
7.30 Growing Pains: "Thank You, Willie Nelson". Jason faces family opposition when he decides to sell his house.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 J.J. Starbuck: "Incident ...". A hostage drama unfolds when a man threatens to kill all hostages.  
9.30 Wildlife on Oce: a look at seals  
10.00 Sledge Hammer: Trigger happy Hammer is out on a new adventure with partner Drew

10.30 Private Eye: in tonight's episode, the detective helps police to bust a gang  
11.30 News Summary  
11.35 Magazine D'Actualite / Holy Quran/ Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## English

Morning  
0800 Opening  
0802 Songs and Music  
0803 Writers and Poets in Arabic Literature  
0830 News  
0840 Songs and Music  
0845 Radio Programme  
0900 Golden Collections  
0930 Album Tracks  
1000 Our Press Today  
1005 Songs and Music  
1030 Music With a Theme  
1100 Closedown  
1130 News on FM Service

Evening  
2100 Opening  
2102 Pop Scene  
2130 News  
2135 Songs and Music  
2155 Musical Celebrities  
2245 Daily Programme  
2300 Soul With a Real  
2330 Choice of the Week  
2340 Closedown

## BBC World Services

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0100 News about Britain  
0110 News about the World  
0120 News Summary followed by Outlook  
0130 News Summary followed by  
0140 News about Britain  
0150 World Today  
0155 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup  
45 1st, 5th and 29th Jazz Scene  
45 1st, 8th and 22nd Folk in Britain  
1000 News Summary followed by  
1010 World News  
1020 World News  
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## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

THE time to stop a revolution is at the beginning, not the end — Adlai Stevenson, US statesman-politician (1900-1965).

## OAU still uncertain over its mission

By Jonathan Wright

ADDIS ABABA, (Reuter): A quarter century after its birth, the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) is still uncertain over its mission: Is it a club for African leaders or should it pursue the original ideal of a United States of Africa?

At a silver jubilee celebrations in Addis Ababa last week, heads of state and OAU officials harked back to the heady days of 1963, when independent Africa's founding fathers portrayed the OAU as the vehicle for the political integration of the continent.

But by their actions they reinforced the view that it should pursue the more modest aim of helping to draft common African positions on specific problems in the continent's dealings with the outside world.

With 50 member states, ranging from Marxist single-party states to Western-style pluralist societies, from impoverished desert states like Chad to rapidly industrialising economies like Mauritius, the OAU has had trouble finding anything in common except opposition to apartheid and a desire for more development assistance.

## Deplored

At the Addis Ababa celebrations, president after president deplored a lack of commitment by member states even to the struggle against South Africa's apartheid system of race discrimination.

"It is embarrassing as well as disheartening that... some fellow African states are being lured into contrived friendship or subtle collaboration with the Pretoria regime," said Ibrahim Bahagida of Nigeria.

"So many times we have taken decision here, only to be divided in other gatherings," added Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, the outgoing chairman of the organisation.

Former President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, who signed the OAU charter in 1963 but missed the 25th anniversary celebrations, said in an interview that over the years he had noticed a gradual erosion of the pan-African ideal as new African states concentrated on moulding their countries into nations.

"What we see now is the strengthening of nationalism. We are engrossed in building national states... I don't know whether the new generation of African leaders now have Africa very much in mind," he said.

Despite the expressions of good intentions by member states, the OAU itself has been largely powerless to move the organisation in any direction.

## Law comes under pressure in Kenya

By Philip Williams

NAIROBI, (UPI): A man who gnashed his wife's eyes because she presented him with five girls and no boys got five years' jail. So did a man found with a leaflet denouncing President Daniel Arap Moi.

Two men convicted of smuggling heroin into Kenya got 12 months each. So did a man who stole a mango.

Such is the confusion, chaos, political interference, thuggery and corruption of Kenya's legal system that lawyers in the East African country fear the rule of law itself is in danger of collapse.

"That is what has marked out this country as a place where it is bearable to live. Without respect for the rule of law, there is no liberty," said one senior lawyer in Nairobi.

"It is my belief, and that of many of my colleagues both black and white, that the government is undermining the very basis on which Kenya has flourished and distinguished it from its less fortunate neighbours."

Legal sources in the Kenyan capital — who declined to be named for fear of reprisals — trace the current crisis to the beginning of Moi's presidency.

## Supreme

Moi put into words last year what every Kenyan already knew in practice — despite the West-minister-style constitution and Kenya's links to the West — that his Kenya African National Union, Kenya's sole political grouping, was "supreme" even over the high court and parliament.

A year earlier, he ordered a

short of cash, unable to enforce its own resolutions and limited by a statutory exclusion of interference in the internal affairs of member states, it has had to settle for the lowest common denominator of agreement, diplomats say.

Arrears to the organisation's budget amount to millions of dollars, some dating back more than a decade, but OAU officials dare not name names and the members have never reached a consensus on applying an article which would strip defaulters of their voting rights.

The fear of naming names is so pervasive that at a news conference on Friday OAU officials tried to dissuade a lawyer from saying which countries had failed to ratify an OAU charter on human rights. The names of the countries are freely available.

## Protesting

A Mauritanian walkout at the closing session of the OAU summit in Saturday underlined the same problem. The Indian Ocean island was protesting at a report which accused it and two other states of collaborating with South Africa.

Internal conflicts, by far the most prevalent on the continent, are out of bounds for OAU debate, so the organisation has looked on helpless as guerrilla wars rage in Uganda, northern Ethiopia or southern Sudan or as one tribe massacres another in the Central African state of Burundi.

On the dispute between Chad and Libya, an OAU Committee has spent more than 10 years trying to reconcile the rival claims to the Aouzou Strip. The chairman, Omar Bongo of Gabon, said that even if he presented one of his secret solutions, there was no guarantee they would be accepted.

Year after year proposals for a joint African defence force come up at OAU meetings, only to disappear when African foreign ministers examine them in detail.

OAU Secretary-General Ide Oumarou has recommended an early meeting of the organisation's Defence Commission to speed up its preparations for setting up the force but no mention of the force appeared in the final resolutions.

President Samuel Doe of Liberia, asked what he thought of OAU summits, said the social aspect was important.

"African issues are not business. I think the OAU summit is not intended only to solve African problems. It is also an opportunity to get together as a family," he said in an interview with the magazine Africa Now.

By Charlotte Saikowski

WASHINGTON: The Soviets may be pulling their troops out of Afghanistan — but they are not retrenching from long-term efforts to be a weighty player on the world stage.

Their style is changing, however.

The signing in Geneva of the United Nations-sponsored accords on the evacuation of Soviet forces from Afghanistan, including an agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union guaranteeing the Afghan peace settlement, is symbolic of significant changes taking place in diplomatic strategy under Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

"Every place they are activated they may be shifting away from arms supply to a razzle-dazzle political approach," a senior US administration official says. "They see themselves as a world power with the right to be involved and they see their interests in not wanting us to be

the sole player."

Diplomatic observers point to the more nimble, flexible, and innovative approach adopted by General-Secretary Gorbachev. Even on the eve of the signing of the Afghan accords, which represent a strategic defeat for Moscow, the Soviets have covered their embarrassing retreat by focusing on another issue: Gorbachev has called on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to recognise Israel's right to exist in a move to spur peace in the Middle East.

This has echoes of President Nixon trying to disengage from Vietnam and using his opening to China to eclipse the US withdrawal from an unpopular war.

## Diplomacy

The new realism in Soviet diplomacy can be seen in many parts of the world:

• First and foremost, the Soviets are moderating their competition with the US and putting relations on a less confrontational footing. The Afghan set-

lement serves this purpose.

• In the Middle East, the Soviets have adopted a more moderate posture, withholding their fire on American efforts to rekindle a peace process on negotiations over the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. They are also participating in UN efforts to end the Iran-Iraq war, although they are ambivalent on the issue of an international arms embargo.

• In Angola, Moscow appears to have urged Cuba to be more flexible in negotiations concerning some 20,000 Cuban troops. Cuba has agreed in principle to a total pullout.

• In Central America, US officials believe the Soviets had a hand in pressuring Nicaraguan leader Daniel Ortega to talk directly with the Contras.

• In Cambodia, Moscow is encouraging a resolution of the war and a withdrawal of Vietnamese forces.

• The Soviets have adopted a more responsible attitude toward world organisations:

They are paying their UN dues and expressing an interest in such bodies as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

Diplomatic analysts see Moscow now playing to the more moderate powers — courting Israel and Nigeria, for instance, instead of countries like Ethiopia and Angola. The Soviets are also improving ties with Mexico and Argentina rather than committing to new Grenadas.

Gorbachev and his reformist supporters are seen to be motivated by a desire to stabilise the international scene as the Soviet Union grapples with its immense economic problems.

"The Soviets want greater stability in the world that does not call on them to take new risks and incur new costs," says Raymond Garthoff, an expert at the Brookings Institution. "They have not given up on the world; they're not passive observers. They will seek to develop their influence in political and economic ways. But if they find they cannot do that well, they will not

necessarily decide that proxy military action is the way to go."

Moreover, as the Soviets look out on the world and see such nations as China and Brazil becoming world-class players, analysts say, they cannot afford to just sit on their hands.

What does all this mean for the West?

## Domination

Amid the new flourishes in Soviet diplomatic activity, conservatives in the US warn that Moscow has not changed its fundamental colouration: It is still bent on world domination and continues to represent the highest threat to the security of the US and its allies. Conservatives are, uncomfortable with the Reagan administration's accommodation with the Soviet Union and efforts to reach an agreement on reducing strategic nuclear arms.

But American policymakers say the US, even while staying alert to the Soviet capacity for aggression, must welcome the

changes in Soviet domestic and foreign policy. "We cannot just scoff at these people and say 'don't be taken in by the dance,'" a senior US official says. "We have to adopt the posture that we're glad they're joining in the 20th century, and then see how our interests are affected. It's not the new dance that the end result that must concern us."

In Afghanistan, the Soviets are voluntarily leaving invaded territory for the first time since the Red Army withdrew from Afghanistan in 1985. The US supported the Afghan mujahideen rebels with arms, preventing the Soviets from pacifying the country.

But, analysts say, the primary reasons for withdrawal are Gorbachev's recognition that they invaded Afghanistan in 1979 and his willingness to reverse course, however painful. The UN accords provided him a face-saving way out.

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## Despite pullout from Afghanistan Moscow remains weighty player on world stage

By Michael Posner

WASHINGTON:

While President Reagan commands the world stage at the Moscow summit, Vice-President George Bush is closeted thousands of miles away, a surprising underdog in his bid for the presidency.

At a time a prosperous economy should be propelling him to the White House, Bush trails likely general election rival Democrat Michael Dukakis by at least 10 percentage points in several recent polls.

With the United States enjoying both peace and prosperity, conventional wisdom suggests that the candidate of the incumbent party should be favoured in the November election.

But Bush, who has wrapped up the Republican presidential nomination, has been hurt by a series of problems surrounding the White House including the failure of US efforts to oust Panamanian leader Manuel Antonio Noriega and the continued questioning of Attorney General Edwin Meese's ethical conduct.

"What's happening is a total accumulation of unfavourable developments," says political scientist George Reedy, former press secretary to President Lyndon Johnson.

Polls also show that a third or more of the public holds an unfavourable opinion of the vice-president and a large number of voters doubt his leadership abilities.

Just five months ago, Bush was warmed by the glow of Reagan's Washington summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

The vice-president was highly visible at almost all the summit events and shared the spotlight when Gorbachev stopped by to the limousine bearing the two men to plunge into a lunchtime crowd in Washington and shake hands with American voters.

At the time, Bush appeared likely to defeat any potential Democratic nominee.

Political strategists in both parties expected the vice-president to benefit from the US-Soviet treaty, signed at the December summit, to eliminate an entire class of medium range nuclear missiles.

But some people fear the opposite could happen.

Many West European officials worry that ooc day, in an orgy of armament, Reagan might sign away all the world's ballistic missiles, and with them the entire Western strategy of nuclear deterrence, something they believed nearly happened at Reykjavik.

Some US conservatives think former President Jimmy Carter was lulled into a false sense of intimacy with then Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, which led to misunderstandings and a feeling of betrayal when Soviet troops went into Afghanistan.

Now, Bush is far from the summit spectacle. While Reagan and Gorbachev toast in Moscow, Bush is holed up in his summer home in the small ocean village of Kennebunkport, Maine.

Bush and aides plan to spend a week mapping strategy that will highlight Dukakis' lack of

foreign policy experience.

Recently, Bush has been trying to emerge from Reagan's shadow and set out a presidential agenda of his own.

• Bush suggested he opposed further talks with Noriega, who was indicted in Florida on drug-trafficking charges. He said that as president he would not talk with drug dealers.

• He vowed a stepped up effort to protect the environment including action against acid rain. Reagan has resisted all efforts against acid rain, preferring to study the issue.

• And last week Bush outlined a tough anti-drug programme, far more sweeping than current administration efforts, in a bid to capitalise on growing public anxiety about drugs.

But his troubles mounted when his longtime aide Pete Teeley quit as chief spokesman, complaining he had been cut out of key decisions.

Bush professed to relish the underdog role, saying it will give him a chance to attack Dukakis, who is fighting back. He is the favourite, Bush told reporters.

In fact, Bush has already set his sights on Dukakis, belittling the governor's claim to have produced a "Massachusetts

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1524 — Peasants' revolt in southern Germany begins.

1562 — Holy Roman Emperor Ferdinand I and Sultan of Turkey, Suleiman I, sign truce.

1664 — War breaks out between England and Holland in the colonies and at sea.

1671 — Turkey declares war on Poland.

1695 — Polish army scores impressive victory over the tartars.

1733 — St Croix (Santa Cruz) in West Indies comes under Danish control.

1837 — Britain's Royal Navy destroys Chinese fleet in China Sea.

1869 — New Spanish constitution is promulgated, continuing the monarchy.

1883 — France launches war against Madagascar.

1952 — United National Party under Dudley Senanayake wins Ceylon elections.

1973 — Greece's prime minister George Papadopoulos abolishes Greek monarchy.

1975 — Police in white-ruled African nation of Rhodesia kill 11 blacks in clash with rioters in Salisbury.

1976 — Syrian force, estimated at 4,000 troops and 200 tanks, invades Lebanon and captures Christian and Muslim positions as it advances on Beirut in attempt to end 14-month civil war.

1987 — Lebanon's Prime Minister Rashid Karami is killed when a time bomb planted to attach a case explodes in his lap aboard helicopter.

## Political turmoil has no effect on Panama Canal operations

Panamanian self-determination. When the treaty was signed, it was seen as a way to defuse the antagonism and foster a more democratic state. The treaty puts on qualifications for what kind of government can inherit the canal in 2000.

The theory of the treaty is based on the fact that it would always be in Panama's national interest to run the canal well," says Amherst Moss, who was US ambassador to Panama during the negotiations of the canal treaties during the late 1970s.

But canal officials are now concerned about the effect of political instability will have on business.

"With a lot of cargo we have a choice between air and ocean. But with the problems in Panama we'd steer our customers toward air (just because of the concern) ... the vessels might divert if the canal closed at the last minute," says John Manusek, a Miami freight forwarder.

This is just the reaction canal administrators are worried about.

No one is concerned about the availability of qualified Panamanian technicians to run the canal, canal administrators say.

The Japanese consider the trans-isthmus route vital to their world trade. And they have reservations about the Panamanian ability to operate the canal efficiently, a Japanese diplomat says. They would prefer to see the canal or a new route — rail or a new canal — in the hands of the private sector rather than the government, the diplomat adds.

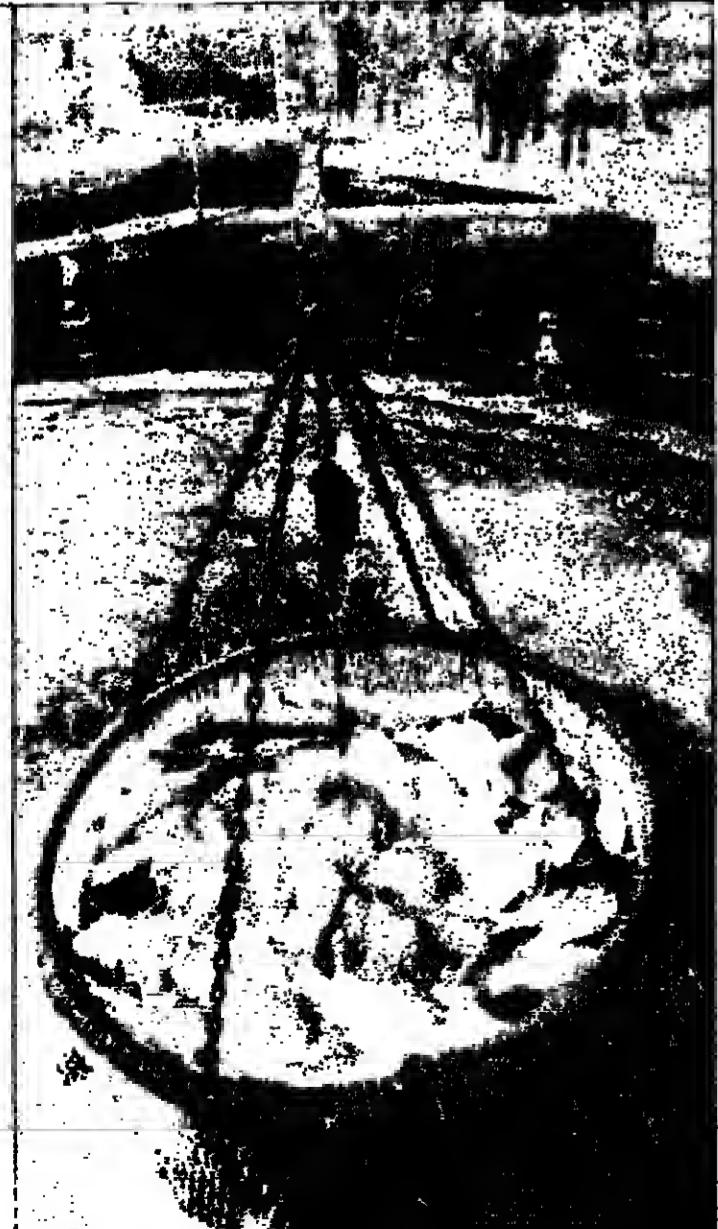
• "Clearly the shipping industry has concerns. Everything that happens in Panama of a negative nature reinforces those concerns to the world," says Richard Wainio, chief canal commission economist. Shipping and marketing businesses will consider Panama's stability in their long-range plans, and that could include a shift to the increasingly competitive containerised overland US routes, Wainio says.

"On the positive side, we say while a risk may be there where the canal is caught up in some way in political environment, we've had nine months of political unrest and nothing has interfered with the operations of the canal," he says.

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JEWISH demonstrators, refused permission to leave the Soviet Union, chant at the Lenin library. The demonstration ended peacefully after requests from police to break it up. (Reuter wirephoto)



DEAD fish were hauled up at a fish farm near Hidra, Norway, yesterday. A belt of killer algae has choked to death rich marine life off southern Scandinavia and has moved further north, threatening more fish farms. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE SUMMIT: (Clockwise from left) NANCY REAGAN enjoys herself in front of the 'Samson and the Lion' fountain after throwing Soviet coins into the fountain and making a wish during her day-long visit here yesterday. President Reagan wipes his chin at a luncheon for Soviet writers at the Alexander Feddayev Central House of Writers. During a walk in Cathedral Square in the Kremlin, President Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev were surrounded by a huge entourage of security, aides and press after talks yesterday. Reegan has between 800 and 800 people in his delegation alone, including nearly 300 journalists. Gorbachev's private Kremlin office was the venue yesterday for the third meeting of their Moscow summit. (Rauter wirephotos)



SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC, 47, party leader of Yugoslavia's republic of Serbia, at the crisis conference of the Yugoslav Communist Party. (Reuter wirephoto)



QUEEN Noor of Jordan meets Lucy Fletcher, 14, from Lincolnshire, England, at a London hotel yesterday. They were attending the 'Gift of Sight' luncheon given by The Order of St. John to raise funds for the St. John Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem. Lucy had her eyesight saved by Sir Stephen Miller (centre) and now devotes her spare time to raising money to continue its work in the Middle East. (Reuter wirephoto)



VIETNAM Marine Corps veteran, Berni Kean, 40, sheds tears for his friends who lost their lives in the Vietnam War, during a Memorial Day Service at the Marietta National Military Cemetery in Georgia on Monday. (Reuter wirephoto)



FORMER Prime Minister and leader of the Gaullist party, Jacques Chirac, campaigning yesterday morning in Paris streets for next month's general election. (Reuter wirephoto)

By Kathy Cuddihy

HUSBANDS sometimes do the strangest things under the guise of love and consideration. In my spouse's most recent display of devotion, he signed me up for a tennis tournament without consulting me first. Not just just a friendly game, but a full-fledged tournament, for goodness' sake.

"Only masochists play tennis in this heat," I argued.

"Tennis players play tennis in this heat, Kathy. You've got to get away from your desk sometimes. Get out and have fun."

"I'm all for getting away from my desk and I'm all for having fun. It's dying of heat exhaustion on the tennis court that just doesn't have a strong appeal."

"Get involved, Kathy. You'll love it."

The maddening thing was, I think he really believed himself. What's more, he volunteered to be my partner in the mixed doubles match.

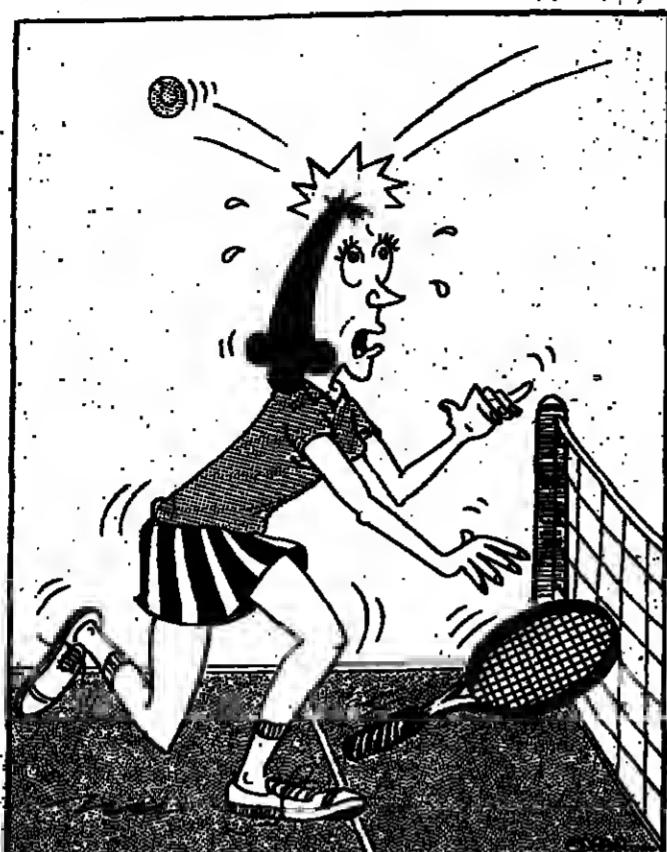
"That's actually very generous of you," I admitted with no small amount of awe. "Not only are you a better player than I am, but husbands don't usually get on well with wives when they play on the same team. What can I say? Of course I'll play with you, darling."

Those were the last kind words I spoke to my husband until after the tournament. What is it about competition that turns perfectly nice men into spiteful soreheads?

Our team spirit showed visible signs of disintegration when I lost my serve.

"Tsk, tsk, Kathy. No tennis player worth his salt double faults. Don't try to be fancy. Just get the ball over the net and into the little box." He smiled when he said it but the words hung in the air like a pregnant hippo.

## Game, set ... mismatch



Now that good sportsmanship was out of the way, he felt free to ram a few tennis tips down my throat. "Try to keep your eye on the ball, dear" soon deteriorated to "For heaven's sake, Kathy, are you looking through those glasses of yours, or not?"

When he told me to get a racket without holes in it next time, I'd had enough. You want to see me play, I thought? OK, hustler, I'll play. I got ready to serve the serve of all serves.

Bingo! A perfect shot.

"Geez, Kathy, watch what you're doing. That hit me right in the ear!"

"Oh, I'm so sorry, darling. I'll try to do better the next time." I'll hit you in the other ear, you creep, just to show you I'm ambidextrous.

Even when I played well

I played "incorrectly" since my partner would accuse me of "poaching" ... despite the fact that my efforts won us valuable points. As a matter of fact, we might never speak to each other after this.

Much as my husband hated to admit it, my serve won us the game. We won the next game, too, because I had some terrific net shots. I just let pass my husband's remark that his tennis had suddenly gone "off." Funny how his faults are momentary lapses and mine are permanent disabilities.

We lost the match but fortunately that was all we lost. Afterwards my husband came up to me and apologized for his bad attitude on the court. "You played some fantastic tennis, Kathy. I'm proud to have you for my partner."

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make a few astute remarks. "That was a very tricky shot. I honestly don't think anyone could have got it," came his hot reply.

"Most players worth their salt would have raised their rackets in a brave attempt, though. I certainly hope I made my point with my partner because we sure weren't doing too well on game points."

It was my turn to serve again and by now I was angry enough to give the opposition a few vicious shots. Whahh! Somehow I managed a classic bullet serve that nearly skimmed the top of the net. We won the point. I wasn't the only surprised person. Before my husband could control his astonishment, he involuntarily muttered "Fantastic serve."

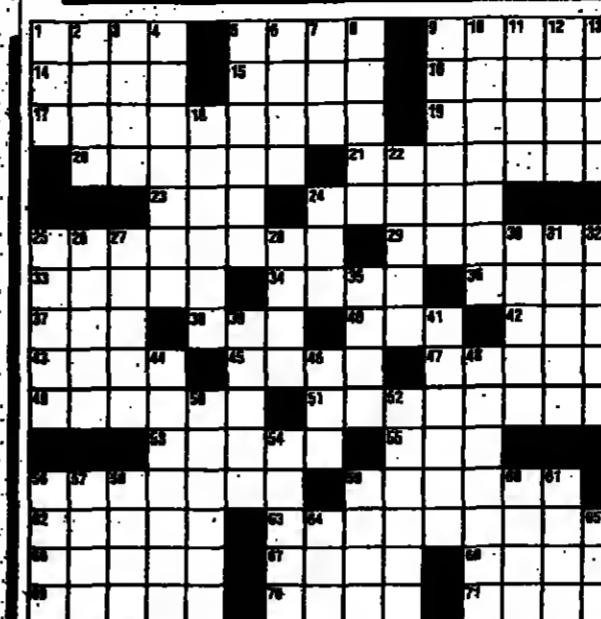
"PARDON?" Who cares about tennis etiquette? I might never hear a word of praise again from this man. As a matter of fact, we might never speak to each other after this.

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## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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- 5 Arm bone
- 9 Yet
- 14 Veritable
- 15 Drug kick
- 16 Discourse: Comb. form
- 17 Its airport code is AMS
- 19 Presses
- 20 Scarlet's true love
- 21 Ushers
- 23 Fender opus
- 24 Quaking tree
- 25 Its airport code is DEL
- 29 Bans legally
- 33 Collect
- 34 Major or Minor
- 36 City on the Oke
- 37 2001
- 38 Antiknock agent: Abbr.
- 40 Grampus
- 42 Indonesian Islands
- 43 Ago
- 45 River between China and Korea
- 47 Scandinavian sea god
- 49 Afr.
- 51 Its airport code is BRU
- 53 Is in the vanguard
- 55 Jack Frost's
- 56 Flair
- 59 Birchbark vessels
- 62 Century plant
- 63 Its airport code is MEL
- 66 Speedy
- 67 October birthstone
- 68 Cruise
- 69 Desire strongly
- 70 Baseball team number
- 71 Notice
- 72 Place for a belt
- 28 Island dance
- 30 Storm, to Simone
- 31 Danger
- 32 Insults
- 35 Sullen
- 39 Talking bird
- 41 Gaming establishment
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- 46 Pounds, for short
- 48 Take up and support
- 50 Ebb
- 52 Not qualified
- 54 Devil
- 56 Park green spot
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- 59 MacMillan, for one
- 60 Notable times
- 61 Use shears
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- 3 Memorable singer Columbo
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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

### NINE 'ALMOST' NEVER

East-West vulnerable. South his decision in the auction.

West led the top of his broken diamond sequence. Declarer won the ace and, in keeping with the odds, cashed the ace-king of trumps. Unfortunately, the queen did not drop. Declarer tried to recover by running clubs, but East ruffed the second club and shifted to a spade, and the defenders took three tricks in that suit to administer a one-trick set.

More important than just drawing trumps was to do so safely. Since declarer could afford to lose two spade tricks and a trump, he could have protected against the possibility of a 3-1 trump split.

At trick two, declarer should have led trump from dummy and finessed the ten. At worst, that would have lost to the queen. The most the defenders then can do is to cash two spades. Thereafter, declarer can win any return, draw trumps, and take a discard, if necessary, on dummy's clubs. As the cards lie, the finesse succeeds and West follows suit, so declarer simply draws the last two trumps and claims all the tricks. Sometimes justice is done!



## Mickey Mouse: sixty years on

By Jane Sutton

MIAMI. (UPI): Mickey Mouse turns 60 this year and his extraordinary popularity still baffles the veteran artist who helped sketch him to life during the golden days of Disney animation.

There's something about Mickey you can't really explain at all," said Frank Thomas, 75, who began drawing Mickey for Walt Disney in 1935. "I think there's something mystic in the design.

There's a completeness to it. Walt used to say you could show Mickey to kids in the crib and they'd respond to him."

Mickey made his debut in the 1928 cartoon "Steamboat Willie," and was an instant success. Six decades later, technology has changed the way artists draw him, but his popularity has never waned.

Everywhere we go, people are wearing Mickey shirts, Mickey watches, even people who don't know who Mickey is, said Ollie Johnston, 75, who sketched Mickey occasionally, and later drew the star of "The Brave Little Tailor" in 1933.

Thomas and Johnston met as art students at Stanford University, went to work for Disney shortly afterward and stayed there until they retired 10 years ago.

They drew Mickey, Pinocchio, Bambi and Cinderella's steppmothers during the studio's heyday.

Thomas and Johnston consider animators "actors with



Sixty-year-old Mickey Mouse with friends Goofy and Donald Duck: an ink and gouache drawing from the Disney studios.

pencils." They have published two books on animation techniques and still work as consultants for Disney.

"We've always had the same approach to our work. We were more interested in the acting, the emotion of the character," Thomas said.

"When you make the audience laugh or cry it's really a wonderful feeling," Johnston said.

"We think animation was the one art form of this century. You could make a drawing move and breathe. A lot of people didn't realize it really is fine drawing, but for a special purpose. There was some marvelous draftsmanship and marvelous animation, but they don't stand alone," said Johnston.

The early brand of Disney animation, born in the Great Depression, featured intricately drawn characters and background scenes. "Pinocchio," made in 1940, was the last full-length feature with that kind of rich detail, the artists said.

"You could never make Pinocchio" that way today. It would cost you \$100 million now. It would be difficult to find the people today. We haven't used that type of animation for 30 years. There's no one to train them," Johnston said.

Computer-generated images have helped put back some of the background details and has taken some of the drudgery out of drawing each individual frame by hand, at the rate of 24 frames per second of film.

## Film on Christ stirs Christian controversy

By Judy Farah

UNIVERSAL CITY, California (AP): Christian fundamentalists warn they will put up a fight if Jesus is depicted as an insipid man who lusts after Mary Magdalene and Harvey Keitel as Judas Iscariot.

The film, due for release in September, is based on Greek author Nikos Kazantzakis' 1955 book, which was condemned as heresy by the Greek orthodox church.

In one scene in the book that troubles the Christian leaders, Satan tempts Jesus with lust for Mary Magdalene, the biblical

prostitute. In another, Jesus apparently ponders homosexuality.

Only Scorsese, who is editing the film in New York, knows what is going to be in the final version, and, "He doesn't talk to any press at all when he's editing, on any movie," said spokeswoman Marion Billings.

Scorsese, who directed "Taxi Driver" and "Raging Bull," studied for the priesthood before becoming a filmmaker. "This is a film that I've wanted to make for 15 years, both as a filmmaker and Christian," he said in a statement. "I'm making a deeply religious film which is an affirmation of faith and I ask everyone not to judge my film until they see it."

"We're trying to head the movie off ... so it's not blasphemous," said Ted Baehr, editor of "Movie Guide," an Atlanta-based Christian new-

spaper that monitors all theatrical releases.

"I don't see how a producer can stay true to the book and not come out with a movie that is offensive to the Christian community."

"The book is shot through with contradictions of the scriptures," said the Rev. Don Wildmon, head of a group which monitors television shows and films that affect the American family.

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### YOUR STARS

#### Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You should try to ensure that you are not boring others. Do not allow yourself to succumb to strange ideas. Pay more attention to your personal life. Be considerate.

#### Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will be a little more approachable. Try to stick to what is strictly practical and affordable. Do not try to use force and accept what cannot be changed. Be a little more optimistic.

#### Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

The general prospects are good but you must still tread warily. You have good reason to have a little more faith in yourself. You should not try to escape from reality and should face up to the truth. Be benevolent.

#### Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

You should not allow yourself to be dominated by negative considerations.

You should have the courage of your convictions. Make sure you do not live in the past. Be a little more tolerant.

#### Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You should not be afraid of criticism and should try to change in its light.

A good idea will help you to deal with an unusual situation. You will be able to overcome what seemed like a formidable obstacle.

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#### Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You will not know quite what to do and it would be best to wait just a little longer.

Help with your problems will come to you from an unexpected direction.

You will have something to be really pleased about.

Be more moderate.

#### Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will find it easier to get on with others.

You should not try to evade the responsibility for something you have done.

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

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Bid to promote economic ties between Kuwait and Yugoslavia

## Lucrative proposals for joint venture projects in tourism

By Jadrana Porter

**YUGOSLAVIA** is poised to present to Kuwait 50 lucrative proposals for joint venture projects in tourism as part of a drive to boost the Yugoslav economy by attracting foreign investment for projects with a promise of high returns, according to the Yugoslav Deputy Minister of Tourism, Milivoj Popovich.

Popovich, who was in Kuwait earlier this week, said the proposals would be forwarded after the legislation aimed at modernising the joint venture regulations is passed in four months time.

**Proposals**

The new law will guarantee the foreign investors' equity rights and will lift restrictions on invest-

tors' foreign currency transfers and their management of projects.

Draft proposals for several projects have already been handed to the Kuwaitis for consideration.

The projects include hotels, holiday resorts, sports centres, health resorts and motels. It has also been suggested that the Kuwaitis could invest in holiday resorts with special features for the use of Arab visitors only.

The Yugoslavs count on Kuwait's interest in the projects pointing to the longstanding friendship and trust between the two countries as well as the profit factor. Popovich views the proposals as a way of promoting the economic cooperation between the two countries which has already chalked up some achievements such as \$500



Milivoj Popovich

million worth of construction work carried out in Kuwait by Yugoslav companies.

Popovich held talks in Kuwait with the officials from the Kuwait Investment Authority, the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Touristic Enterprises Company.

**Profitable**

He pointed out that joint venture projects in tourism, one of the most profitable branches of Yugoslav economy, are among the most sought after by European investors some of whom have already signed contracts with Yugoslav companies.

The proposals are an outcome of a long-term plan for the development of tourism which spans the period between 1977 and the year 2000 and which envisages that 50 per cent of all projects will be supported by foreign capital, said Popovich.

"You can't go wrong with investing in Yugoslav tourism"

said Popovich adding that the annual seven per cent growth rate in tourist arrivals and 10 per cent growth rate in income from tourism have been most encouraging. Tourism is expected to earn Yugoslavia \$2 billion this year and the figure is expected to reach \$7 billion in the year 2000.

**Projects**

Most of the proposed projects are centred on the Adriatic coast which is among the cleanest and least exploited areas in Europe. The Yugoslav part of the Adriatic coast, much of which is still virgin land, is 610 kilometres long as the crow flies but by road it stretches up to 2092 kilometres with numerous bays, coves and islands.

According to the current projections even when all the present plans for coastal

development are effected only 16 per cent of the coastal area will have been exploited by the year 2000. Out of 1,300 islands along the Adriatic coast only 64 are inhabited.

**Steps**

The new proposed joint venture programme is just one of the steps to revive the economy which also include a package of austerity measures expected to affect the Yugoslav standard of living.

The Yugoslav leadership is at pains to liberalise imports and stimulate exports and at the same time to free the economic activity from state interference, said Popovich.

The recent devaluation of the Yugoslav dinar by close to 24 per cent is also seen as a measure to help the country wriggle out of the economic crisis.

**Yugoslavia liberalises controls on foreign exchange and imports**

**BELGRADE**, May 31, (Reuters): Yugoslavia lifted controls on foreign exchange and some imports on Monday as part of a new programme designed to combat the country's economic crisis.

The dinar was freed and the foreign exchange market left to function daily on the basis of supply and demand, official statements said. At the same time, controls were lifted on 40 per cent of imports.

The exchange rate liberalisation means Yugoslav firms will have easier access to foreign exchange and the dinar will find its value in a free market.

**Dropped**

Restrictions were dropped on the import of 200 types of consumer goods, including electrical appliances, cars and clothes, a government statement said.

The government hopes freer imports will force Yugoslav enterprises to be more competitive and promote realistic prices.

The foreign exchange market was brought under control seven years ago during an economic crisis.

The economic programme launched at the weekend mixes curbs on wages, spending and money supply with a freezing of prices, imports and the exchange rate.

Prices of 60 per cent of goods on the Yugoslav market were freed on Saturday, ending a six-month-old freeze. Inflation at the end of April stood at 152 per cent.

**Higher**

The dinar was devalued on Friday night, making a basket of hard currencies 23 per cent higher against the Yugoslav unit. The dinar was listed at 1,919.86 to the dollar on Monday after being 1,554.19 dinars to the dollar on Friday.

Officials said the foreign exchange market was not busy on the first day of its revival on Monday. Yugoslav banks had \$5.3 million for sale while demand was for 12.8 million, officials said. The gap was covered by the National Bank.

**Sony unveils Video Walkman**

**TOKYO**, May 31, (Reuters): One of the world's most innovative electronics companies, Sony, unveiled today the Video Walkman — a combination video recorder and television about the size of a fat paperback book.

The machine is equipped with a three-inch LCD (liquid crystal display) screen and an eight-mm video tape recorder which the company is still fighting to establish as the standard mini-video cassette format.

"We hope the Video Walkman will augur in a new video era," a company spokesman told a news conference.

Sony introduced the Audio Walkman in 1979 and has sold more than 35 million since, the spokesman said.

The 1.1 kg (2.4 pound) video/TV machine, designated the GV-8, will be sold in Japan for 128,000 yen (\$1,000) from August 21 and in the US and Canada by year-end, although prices have not been set.

**Sales**

Sales to Europe will follow. The spokesman said, consumers in cars and on trains are seen as the main customers for the GV-8.

Sony also hopes the machine will spur sales of video magazines and help popularise the company's eight-mm format, which competes with the VHS-C compact-size system developed by Japanese competitor JVC, he said.

One cassette, slightly larger than a conventional audio cassette, can play for up to four hours.

## Tokyo will almost double its aid to Jakarta

### Indonesian economy becomes increasingly tied to Japan

**JAKARTA**, May 31, (Reuters): Japan has stepped in with extra aid to help Indonesia manage its mounting foreign debt repayments, emphasising the Southeast Asian nation's increasingly close ties to Tokyo.

Japanese officials say Tokyo will almost double its aid to Indonesia in the financial year which began in April to \$2.3 billion, from 1.23 billion last year.

The aid will account for almost 30 per cent of Indonesia's total external financing needs, estimated by the World Bank at \$7.8 billion in 1988/89.

This massive aid is sucking Indonesia increasingly into the orbit of the powerful Japanese economy, despite its strong trade links with the United States, Southeast Asia and Western Europe, bankers and business-

men say. They see Indonesia as a stable supplier of oil and raw materials, and they don't want things to sour politically by crossing local sensibilities," said one Western banker who did not wish to be identified.

Japan takes half Indonesia's oil exports, is its biggest foreign investor by far, and one third of Indonesia's official overseas debt of \$47.3 billion is in yen.

Indonesia, with its population of 175 million, is an important resource base for Japan. It is a major supplier of rubber, palm oil, tin and coffee, while almost all its exports of copper and nickel are sold to Japan.

Of a total of \$17.1 billion of exports in 1987, Indonesia sold some 40 per cent to Japan.

Japanese Foreign Minister, Sosuke Uno, underscored Tokyo's strategic view of Indonesia during a visit to Jakarta in early

May, recalling the help Indonesia gave Japan during the oil crisis in the 1970s.

But Japan, using its weight as a major trading partner, has not been slow to grip about the business and investment climate in Indonesia, which Japanese businessmen say is now less attractive than in other Southeast Asian countries like Thailand and Malaysia.

**Sensitive**

Political ties remain sensitive, partly because of Japan's invasion and occupation of Indonesia in World War II. Anti-Japanese riots broke out during a 1974 visit to Indonesia by Kakuei Tanaka, then Japan's prime minister.

"We have to be very careful about local sensitivities, not to appear to be coming in here telling people what to do," said one Japanese businessman.

Last August, then Indonesian

Foreign Minister, Mochtar Kusumamadja said he welcomed Japan's growing presence in the region linked through the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean), which comprises Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines.

But he said ties should be put on a more equal footing.

"Japan's relationship with Asean should change to a form which would ensure equal benefit to both parties," Mochtar said.

This would lead to stability and prosperity in the Asean area, which in turn, is closely linked to the peace and prosperity of Japan, as the Asean countries are major economic partners of Japan, and, most importantly, bold Japan's lifeline to raw materials.

With one third of Indonesia's state budget going to finance its

growing debt repayments, the government has little option but to turn Japan for help.

The fall in oil prices and the appreciation of the yen has added to Indonesia's difficulties, and without Japanese help many major capital spending projects would have to be scrapped because of government cutbacks.

**Loans**

The World Bank has recommended a group of 14 donor countries to provide soft loans and assistance worth \$3.6 billion this year. Of this, Japan will provide \$1.4 billion.

Much of this will be spent on projects which can be implemented quickly, so that the economic impact is fast. Indonesia is worried about growing unemployment, particularly in the cities, and is anxious to maintain economic growth to avoid social unrest.

## Mail-order purchases help Japanese consumers beat high cost of living

**TOKYO**, May 31, (UPI): For Japanese consumers, who endure the world's highest prices, playing the import game could become a national pastime.

Although the Japanese yen has risen 70 per cent against the US dollar since late 1985, making the cost of foreign goods here cheaper, the Japanese have reaped few benefits at home and they are starting to complain.

A sign of the times is the emergence of mail-order purchasing, plus import games individual consumers play to bring in foreign goods at reasonable prices.

For years low consumption, high personal savings and loyalty to domestic products was the rule in Japan. The government kept imports at bay with closed markets.

But in 1986, then-Prime Minister, Yasuhiro Nakasone, appeared on television exhorting his countrymen to buy imports to pare down Japan's trade surplus and keep pace with its trading

partners, notably the United States.

Japanese people pay the world's highest prices for consumer goods, domestic products and imports. A made-in-Japan Minolta camera or Panasonic portable telephone can cost twice as much in Tokyo as in New York.

This is partly due to Japan's intricate and multi-layered distribution network, which adds extra costs as goods wend their way from manufacturer to consumer.

Many Japanese consumers justify this situation with a nationalistic argument. They are happy to pay high prices if it keeps their neighbours employed.

But more Japanese are beginning to notice the sizeable gap between their standard of living and the immense national wealth; their hard work and sacrifice have helped create since the end of World War II.

One way they are finding to

## US banking industry seen coping with setbacks

**WASHINGTON**, May 31, The US banking industry is beginning to make a comeback from the major setbacks it faced in 1987, according to Robert Heller, a governor of the US Federal Reserve Board.

Heller, testifying before the Senate Banking Committee on May 25, said that 1987 was "an extremely difficult year" for the US banking system as earnings declined and the number of problem banks and bank failures reached record highs, according to US Information Service.

Despite the difficulties, he said, many banking institutions are beginning to see their earnings and asset quality improve as the economy continues to grow, conditions in the agricultural sector improve and export growth helps strengthen industrial and manufacturing sectors.

Heller made these points about the performance of the banking industry.

**Asset quality.** The ratio of nonperforming assets to total assets — a key indicator of asset quality — rose from 1.6 per cent in 1986 to a post-war high of 2.1 per cent at the end of 1987.

Non-performing assets are loans on which the interest or principal being paid is not sufficient to meet the terms of the loan.

**Assets**

For 17 multinational bank holding companies, the ratio increased from 2.2 per cent to 3.6 per cent of total assets, largely a result of developing country debt that banks declared to be "nonaccrual status" and continuing energy and real estate-related problems in the Southwest.

Nonaccrual status, an accounting term, signifies that a loan payment is at least 90 days past due.

However, if the effect of developing country nonaccruals and the energy

problems in Texas are put aside, the non-performing asset ratio actually improved last year — from 2.1 per cent to 1.8 per cent for the 17 multinational bank holding companies.

**Profitability.** The average return on assets for all insured commercial banks declined one-half percentage point to 0.12 per cent and the average return on equity dropped 7.5 percentage points to 2.02 per cent. The average return on assets for the 25 largest banks fell from 0.51 per cent in 1986 to a negative 0.79 per cent last year.

Aggregate bank profits should recover in 1988 because of lower loan loss reserves, tax benefits, and cost control and restructuring programmes implemented by many institutions.

**Capital.** Following six years of steady improvement, the average ratio of equity capital (excluding loan loss reserves) to total assets for the 25 largest commercial banks declined from 5.1 per cent to 4.3 per cent.

Capital is used to absorb losses and cushion other financial adversities. However, capital remains at a level adequate to withstand existing financial pressures and problems, he said.

**Liquidity.** The availability of funds needed to continue operations remains at an adequate level. However, weak institutions often have to pay high premiums over general market rates to obtain such funds.

**Problems and failed institutions.** The number of institutions on the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's list of problem banks and thrift institutions rose from 223 in 1981 to 1,575 at the end of 1987. Of that total, over 95 per cent had assets of less than \$300 million and 88 per cent were located where problems in the farm, energy, and real estate sectors have been most acute.

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**Down**

"People get poor for different reasons. They are going to escape in different ways," Friedman reasoned.

The whole point of that is to get them off on the right foot," Ms Yamamoto said.

An aspiring filmmaker, one of the few men to complete the programme, said welfare recipients face challenges other entrepreneurs don't.

"They don't hand the business to you. You have to work for it," said Ellie Richardson, who has cleaned homes and businesses most of her life and started a janitorial service in late 1986. "They give you the right contacts. If you don't follow through, it's your fault."

Ms Richardson is self-supporting now and employs about 10 people.

## World Business Summary

### Central Bank offers discount facilities

The governor of Kuwait Central Bank Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah said "interest rates on Kuwaiti dinars cannot be separated from those of international currencies." Though, Kuwait is a free economy, the Central Bank continuously monitors foreign currencies interest rates to study their effects on the Kuwaiti dinar and the local economic situation and takes appropriate measures to stabilise the monetary market, he said.



## International Bond Highlights

London — British Telecommunications Plc is issuing a 100 mln ster 9-1/4 pct Eurobond due July 6, 1993, priced at 101-3/8 pct. Kielhart Benson Ltd said as lead manager. (RTTG 1113)

London — Shinko Shoji of Japan is issuing a 65 mln diri equity warrant Eurobond due June 16, 1993, paying an indicated 4-1/4 pct. Daiwa Life Lid said as lead manager. (RTUA 1351)

London — Ford Credit Australia Ltd is issuing a 50 mln Australian dir 13-1/2 pct Eurobond due July 12, 1993, priced at 102 pct. Hembors Bank Ltd said as lead manager. (RTVK 1527)

Credit Co is issuing 75 mln Australian dir notes, said lead Merrill Lynch capital markets. (RTVD 1506)

London — Alcan Finances BV's recent five year exchangeable Eurobond issue was reduced to 150 mln diri from 200 mln diri due to fixing of its coupon and conversion price. Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd said as lead manager. (RTUO 1040)

London — Toronto Dominion Bank, Cayman branch, is issuing a five billion yen, five year bond and a three billion yen, four year bond, lead manager Goldman Sachs International Corp said. Both issues have seven pct coupons. (RTTW 1252)

## Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
USD 7-1/2 1/4	7-7/16 5/16	7-13/16 11/16
FFT 4-20/50	3-35/45	3-55/60
PAR 7-1/4 5/16	7-5/16 7/16	7-3/8 1/2
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	2-1/2 2-3/4	2-5/8 2-7/8
BXR 3.25	6.00 1/8	6-1/16 3/16
BOH 9-3/4 10-1/4	10-3/4 10-7/8	10-3/4 11-1/4
AMS 3-7/8 4.00	3-15/16 4.0	4-1/16 4-3/16
TOK 3.2500 3125	3.9375 4.0000	3.8700 3.9375
ECU 5.50 5.62	5.62 5.75	6.00 6.12

## Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average K.D. interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6 5/16	6 3/4
3 months	6 5/16	6 3/4
6 months	6 5/16	6 3/4
1 year	6 5/16	6 3/4

## BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLM/DIA	67	66	66.50	NICO	560	557.50	584
GNFC	47.50	47.50	49	MUKUND	91	91	93			
ASIA PAINT	95.50	95.50	97	NOCL	465	462.50	465			
BAJAJ AUTO	190.75	190.75	190.75	HIND LEVER	72	72	73	PEICO	34	33
BAR.RAYON	245	250	245	HINDALCO	84	85	85	PFIZER	72	70
BON.DYING	125	125	125	HINDCOCOA	77.50	78	83.50	PRE.AUTO	35	34.50
B.R. BOND	91	90	91.50	HINDHOTOS	20.50	21.75	21.50	SAYMOND	48.50	47
BSE INDEX	557.69	557.69	557.69	IND.ORG	24	24	24.50	RELIANCE	194.50	190
CENTURYSPLG	850	852.50	860	INDRAYON	65	65	65.50	SIEMENS	73	71
COLGATE	200	200	203.75	INDROL	175	175	175	SPIC	53.50	53.50
DEEPAKFERT	40	40	40.50	ITC	44	41	43	STHILLIS	242.50	240
E.I. NOTE	50.50	50.50	50	JKSYNTH	64.50	64	65	TATA PWR	255	247.50
ESKAYE	167.50	173.75	175.50	L. AND T	92.50	92	93.50	TATACHEM	75	74.50
ESSAR	21	21.50	23	MAHINDRA	60	61	59.50	TELCO	627.50	620
GAR. POLY	82	81	81.50	MASTERSHR	12.25	12.12	12.37	TESCO	758.75	777.50
GE.SHIP	29.35	29.25	31.50	WATER PL	80	79.75	81.25	VOLTAS	290	287.50
										292.50

## AMMAN

OPNG	CLSG	JOR LEASING CORP.	0.50	0.50
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY		JOR LIM BRICK		
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.		JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
ARAB BANK		JOR PAPER CARDEROG		
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	3.97	JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.28	2.32
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.39	JOR SECURIT. CORP	1.10	1.05
ARAB INSURANCE	1.10	JOR SELPHO CHEM.	0.98	0.98
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.98	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	0.94	0.90
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.94	JOR WORSTED MILL	4.50	4.55
ARAB INTER.HOTELS	0.53	JOR KUWAIT AGRI	1.00	1.00
ARAB JOR/INV/TK	2.10	JOR PETROLEUM REF	0.32	0.34
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD		JOR FRENCH INS.	5.20	5.30
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.		JOR INV.FIN.DORP		
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN	0.76	JOR JORDAN GULF REAL		
ARAB POTASH CO.		JOR JORDAN DAIRY	1.00	1.00
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	JOR JORDAN GULF BANK	1.19	1.19
BANK OF JORDAN	15.20	JOR JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	30.00	JOR JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
DAR AL SHABA PRESS		JOR JORDAN ISLAMIC BMK		
DAR ALDAMA GV/INV.		JOR JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.50	1.47
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.		JOR JORDAN TANNING	1.95	1.95
FIN/CRED/COR	0.51	JOR LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.76	0.77
Garage Owners Off	4.10	JOR MACU/EGYPT/RENT/MAIN	0.79	0.79
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	JOR MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.69	0.73
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.26	JOR MIDDLE EAST INS	0.60	0.40
GENERAL MINING	1.22	JOR MIDDLE EAST TR	0.55	0.55
HINHIM MINERALS	0.79	JOR MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60	0.55
HOLY LAND INS.	1.20	JOR NAT.FIN.INVEST CO	1.80	1.80
IND./MATCH JEMCO		JOR NAT/CABLE/TIRE/MF		
INDSTR/DEVLPT BNK	1.42	JOR NATIONAL AHILA INS	1.24	1.23
INDSTR/COM/AGR.		JOR NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.45	0.40
INTERN.C/INV	0.75	JOR NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.72	0.72
IRIBID ELECTRICITY	0.96	JOR NATIONAL STEEL		
J.TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.75	JOR ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	JOR PETRA ELECTRIC	1.97	1.97
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	13.60	JOR PETRA JOR. INS.	0.50	0.50
KOAHAN INV. HOUSE		JOR PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.91	0.90
LIBANESI INV. CO.		JOR PHARMA INDUSTRIAL	0.80	0.80
REAL STATE INV.		JOR PHARMA INDUSTRIAL	0.40	0.40
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR		JOR SPINNING WEAVING		
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	JOR THE HOUSING BANK	1.71	1.72
JOR ELECTRIC POWER		JOR UNITED INSURANCE		
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.02	JOR UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND.		
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.95	JOR UNIVERSAL INS.	1.19	1.23
JOR HOTEL YOLISH	2.50	JOR WOOLER INDUSTRIES	0.81	0.73
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.		JOR YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.07	1.07
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	JOR YARMOUK INSURANCE		

## KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LY	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	0.870	0.880	0.880	0.870	600000	17
GULF BANK	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.350	450000	19
COMMERCIAL BK	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	100000	1
ALHI BANK	0.295					
K.R.E.B.	0.305					
BURGAN BANK	0.244	0.244	0.244	0.244	20000	1
K.F. HOUSE	0.415	0.415	0.415	0.415	310000	12
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
KWT INV. CO.	0.176	0.180	0.176	0.176	1460000	24
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210					
K.I.I.C.	0.160	0.166	0.162	0.162	280000	12
CON.FACILITIES	0.475					
AHLIAN INV.	0.000					
I.F.A.	0.112	0.112	0.112	0.112	40000	1
INV. PEARL KWT	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.114	720000	12
INSURANCE SECTOR						
KWT INSURANCE	0.690					
GULF INSURANCE	0.370					
AHLIA INS. OO	0.600					
WARBA INS. CO.	0.460					
REAL EST. SECTOR						
KWT R.EST. CO.	0.226					
UNI R.EST. CO.	0.118	0.116	0.116	0.116	120000	2
MAT R.EST. CO.	0.208		</td			

Platinum prices jump on Japanese buying

# Dollar strengthens, gold gains

LONDON, May 31, (AP): The US dollar closed mostly higher in thin European trading today as foreign currency dealers in London and New York returned from holiday weekends. Gold prices rose.

Finding the American currency higher and lacking any reason to sell it, dealers said market players pushed it higher in Europe.

"We came back from our long, wet weekend to find the dollar higher than we remembered it," said David Deacon of EBC-Amex Bank in London.

**Gold**

London dealers said the dollar's rise yesterday, when they were on holiday, was the result of higher US interest rates and momentum from the dollar's rise through a resistance point of 1,7150 West German marks on Friday.

The West German central bank intervened in the market today by selling \$7.4 million, but dealers said it had little impact on the market.

Against the trend, the US currency closed lower the Dutch guilder, Italian lira and Canadian dollar.

Earlier, the dollar closed in Tokyo at 124.80 Japanese yen, down from yesterday's 124.93 yen. In late London trading it rose to 125.50 yen.

**Gold**

The dollar also gained against the British pound in London, where it was quoted late today at \$1.8385 compared with 1.8478 in Europe yesterday and 1.8570 in London late Friday.

Other late dollar rates in Lon-

don, compared with late yesterday:

— 1,7292 West German marks, up from 1,7270

— 1,4437 Swiss francs, up from 1,4435

— 5,8215 French francs, up from 5,7025

— 1,9333 Dutch guilders, down from 1,9335

— 1,279,95 Italian lire, down from 1,280,00

— 1,2357 Canadian dollars, down from 1,2378

Gold prices firmed in Europe, boosted by gains in platinum, bullion dealers said.

The late bid price in London was \$454.80 a troy ounce, up from late Friday's \$452. The London market was closed yesterday for a national holiday.

In Zurich, gold closed at a bid of \$455 up from late yesterday's \$452.50.

Earlier, gold closed in Hong Kong at a bid of \$455.80 up from 454.31.

**Surprising**

Silver bullion traded in London late today at a bid \$6.65 a troy ounce, up from 6.59 in London late Friday and 6.57 in Zurich yesterday.

Meanwhile strong Japanese buying helped to send platinum prices soaring in bullion markets today but precious metals analysts said they were unsure the rally would continue.

Platinum — used to make jewellery, car exhaust anti-pollution devices and glass — jumped nearly \$30 an ounce to a high of \$622 in early European trading and then steadied at around \$602.

But the size of its sharp early

jump surprised traders.

"It's true the Japanese are buying, but the question is why. It's hard to say," said Werner Hechler, a platinum trader at Bank Leu in Zurich.

"I find the big rise in platinum very surprising. It's not so long ago that the price was the same as gold. If there's a correction in the market, it could be very abrupt. Maybe there's some investor buying, I just don't know," he added.

Jewellery and investor demand for platinum is traditionally stronger in Japan and Asia than in the West. The Japanese use platinum in jewellery almost as much as gold.

Estimates by Christian Podleska and Van Musschenbroek Ltd (CPM Group), a New York-based research firm, put Japanese demand for platinum at 1.3 million ounces in 1987 or 46 per cent of world demand.

Analysts said the strength of the yen had until recently boosted Japanese demand. Since platinum is traded in dollars, a strong yen boosts Japanese buyers purchasing power.

But, they added, the yen factor was no longer so important.

**Price**

Graham Birch, an analyst with London brokers Kleinwort Henevson, said there had been no big enough recent changes in either demand or supply to justify current high prices.

He said traders had been forced to buy platinum now to cover earlier commitments to supply the metal. They worry that if the Japanese buying continues,

prices will rise high enough to mean big losses should they delay such purchases.

"The price could go even higher on speculative buying in a relatively thin market but there is nothing behind it and gains will not be sustained," he added.

Hans Peter Haussler, precious metals analyst at Swiss Bank Corporation, said Japanese buyers are worried about the possibility of a strike by black miners in South Africa, a major producer.

But trading generally was very light and the FTSE index of 100 blue chip British shares opened just 1.8 points higher at 1,785.5.

"Apart from Cadbury I think the major feature is the number of shares which have yet to move," one trader said.

In Tokyo, the world's biggest stock market, however, the 225-share Nikkei average rose 193.60 points, or 0.71 per cent, to end at 27,416.70 after jumping 260.60 points yesterday.

**Fears**

"Another factor has been the legal proceedings started by the Bafokeng tribe and fears that this could hit the Impala mine in the homeland of Bophuthatswana," he said.

The Bafokeng claim that Impala, whose platinum mine is the second biggest in South Africa, has breached the terms of a 1977 agreement under which the tribe is entitled to a share of the company's taxable income.

The speculators turned to other precious metals, too. Gold and silver also firmed, though not by as much as platinum which has traded voluntarily over the past several weeks on fears of South African supplies could be disrupted.

Elsewhere, Frankfurt's 30-share Boersen-Zeitung index rose 2.68 points to 299.35. The Paris Bourse indicator rose 0.21 per cent, the All-Share Swiss index rose 6.5 points to 818.4 and Amsterdam's CBS all share index was up 0.1 points at 83.7.

pany shares were little changed. British stock market investors were more interested in finding companies that could be possible targets for takeovers.

Cadbury-Schweppes Plc shares jumped 14 pence (26 cents to £4.20 (\$7.7). The chocolates and soft-drinks giant's shares have been especially strong ever since US-based General Cinema Corp said it might bid for control.

But trading generally was very light and the FTSE index of 100 blue chip British shares opened just 1.8 points higher at 1,785.5.

"Apart from Cadbury I think the major feature is the number of shares which have yet to move," one trader said.

In Tokyo, the world's biggest stock market, however, the 225-share Nikkei average rose 193.60 points, or 0.71 per cent, to end at 27,416.70 after jumping 260.60 points yesterday.

**Effort**

"Today is the last day of trading for the calendar month," a broker said. "There are lots of efforts to boost volume, and brokerages are concentrating on large capitals and cheap stock."

A report that Japan's trade surplus for the first 20 days of May fell to \$1.63 billion from \$2.84 billion a year ago had only a limited impact on financial markets.

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## Financial community urged to attract more funds

### Confidence returns to Kuwait market

MOHAMMED Abdulmohsen Al Khorafi, the chairman of the National Bank of Kuwait (NBK)

in an interview with a local daily, said the Kuwaiti financial and monetary authorities had succeeded to a great extent in guiding the national economy wisely during foreign fluctuations. These measures, he said, had contributed positively towards restoring confidence in the economic sphere and boosting private sector contributions in economic development.

**Funds**

He said "it is very difficult to isolate the national economy entirely from foreign economic influences" and called on local financial institutions to focus on two specific "supporting financial standings and obtaining optimum benefit from the new policies instituted by the financial and monetary authorities."

He urged the financial community to attract more local

funds deposited abroad by offering new facilities and lucrative avenues of investments.

Al Khorafi disclosed that in the past few years, the Kuwaiti Gross National Product (GNP) had contracted significantly — from KD6.3 billion in 1983 to KD5 billion in 1986.

**Hilke**

However, he said, it was the first occasion since 1982 that the non-oil sector had realised a tangible growth estimated at 6.4 per cent in 1986. He added that the national economy would witness a reactivation in the middle of the financial year which he attributed to the anticipated expansion in government expenditure which had increased at 3.4 per cent in the fiscal budget 1987/1988.

Such expenditure would record another hike in the fiscal year 1988/1989, adding that the budget for 1988/89 had allocated 7.5 per cent (KD650 million) for

development projects. He said he based his assumptions on the significant retreat of inflation rates which stabilised at 1 per cent only.

Savings had also registered 45 per cent of national production revenues.

In a related issue, he said the current account of the country had realised a flow of KD1.7 billion during 1988 and some vital sectors had achieved a growth rate of 24 per cent.

On the international level, Al Khorafi was pessimistic as OECD countries along with the developing countries were adversely affected by soaring inflation rates. Additionally, the USA was suffering from a severe deficit in its budget and a huge deficit in its balance of trade which proportionately increased its foreign debts. Additionally, fluctuations in the world markets, including stocks and foreign exchange counters had not yet stabilised.

## Taiwan boosts reserves

# Sharp increase in gold production

LONDON, May 31, (UPI): Gold production in the Western world is likely to reach 1,500 metric tons a year, up from 1,380 metric tons last year and 1,280 metric tons in 1986, a report by commodity broker E.D. & F. Man said today.

Sharply increased output was seen in most of the major producing countries, with the exception of South Africa.

The United States was expected to show the largest percentage increase with output in 1988 estimated at 200 metric tons, up from 150 metric tons last year and just 108 metric tons as recently as 1986, the report said.

South African production was forecast to fall to 600 metric tons this year from 615 metric tons in 1987 and 640 metric tons the previous year, the report said.

**Production**

Soviet output continued to dominate socialist nations' production, accounting for 77 per cent, followed by China, which presented about 21 per cent.

Total East bloc sales to the West were forecast to average 300 metric tons in both 1987 and 1988, the report said.

Strong demand from the Far East, led by Japan and Taiwan, has absorbed some of the surplus supplies, the report said.

Through the summer and autumn — and the review envisaged clearance of \$7 an ounce before the year's end.

As always, though, speculative rallies could be explosive, the review said.

Both supply and demand of silver have resumed an upward tack, figures in the review showed.

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## New oil discovery

### in Oman to go on stream

MUSCAT, May 31, (AP): A new oil discovery in Oman capable of an output of 2,500 barrels of light oil a day is scheduled to begin producing within the next two weeks, oil industry sources said today.

The Rajaa field in the Bahia region of central Oman is operated by the state-owned Petroleum Development Oman. It will be the company's 50th field.

It will be hooked up to the Saywala production station about 10 miles (16 kilometers) away and from there into the main oil pipeline, the sources said.

**Production**

Oman, which is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, recently reversed a live per cent production cut and began producing within a

## He's a man of peace, insists Sylvester Stallone

# Rambo's back to 'whip' the Russians again

By Robert Barr

NEW YORK, (AP): Rambo rewrote the lessons of the Vietnam war by having a lone American guerrilla single-handedly vanquish Hanoi's troops and their Soviet advisers. Now, he's back to whip the Red Army again — this time in Afghanistan.

After freeing American prisoners held long after the end of the Vietnam war in Rambo: First Blood Part II, the muscle-bound fighter faces a new Communist government propped up by Soviet military might.

Guess who wins.

Rambo III features more of the cartoonish violence of its predecessors, with the slow-talking, fast-shooting fighter joining horse-mounted Muslim holy warriors to subdue Soviet armour.

He's the same invincible John J. Rambo that delighted President Ronald Reagan at the time of the TWA hijacking in Beirut in 1985. "After seeing Rambo last night, I know what to do the next time this happens," Reagan joked.

"That's wrong," actor Sylvester Stallone says hotly. "Rambo goes in to end conflicts, not initiate them. He didn't go in to kick the Russians' butts, he went in to get his friends out."

David Morrell, the former Iowa state English professor who created Rambo in the novel First Blood, says he also was offended by Reagan's jest.

"I can't say I was amused," Morrell said. "Because I was distressed by the interpretation of the character. But I was bemused because it's a way of being told how powerful the character is. So I was gratified by that."

### Promote

Rambo: First Blood Part II grossed 150 million dollars in US theatres three years ago and made Rambo a part of the language. Reagan's joke was his first public mention of Rambo, but others followed.

Stallone and Morrell, who recently came to New York to promote the film, both say Rambo is a "hero of heart, not a jingoistic murderer" but a celluloid descendant of the

invincible John J. Rambo, who inspired President Ronald Reagan at the time of the TWA hijacking in Beirut in 1985 ("I know what to do the next time this happens") is back to save the Afghans from the 'red menace'.



Sylvester Stallone as Rambo is tortured in the film Rambo, First Blood, part II. He gets his revenge against the Soviet might in his latest film.

frontier gunslinger forced into one last battle.

"I find it incredible," Stallone says, his voice rising. "Every time some local atrocity occurs where a man puts on fatigues and takes a rifle and goes into a shopping centre, it's 'Rambo murderer slays three'."

"Rambo doesn't kill innocents... he's never killed unarmed children."

"I keep close watch of this, and I know of only six cases in which the Rambo character was blamed for violent events," says Morrell. Three were in the United States, he said, and the others in England, Australia and Canada.

"When I look into these things, what happened was that [Rambo] was dealing with 'psychotic' people who were unbalanced. If it hadn't been

one thing, it would have been that their rice krispies (breakfast cereal) didn't snap, crackle and pop properly in the morning."

So what does Rambo stand for? That depends, in part, whether it's the books or the films.

Morrell, who had Rambo criticising US policy in Central America in his book of Rambo II, had suggested setting the 63-million-dollar Rambo in Nicaragua.

Stallone vetoed that. If Rambo fears anything, it's controversy.

"Until that conflict is really over, or until the line of demarcation is drawn... then I can't jump into that," Stallone said of Nicaragua.

"Afghanistan, however, was one place where Congress and Reagan agreed on who wore the

black hats.

"You have 300 million Russians vs. 12 million Afghans who are undernourished, underarmed, undertrained and they are holding their own. Finally, after 8 1/2 years they are receiving some assistance," Stallone said.

"But Rambo doesn't go in to fight Russians. When they accuse me or my characters of red-bashing, that is irresponsible, because he never says, 'I'm gonna get that dirty commie.' It never came out of his mouth."

Gee, maybe it was all the exploding Russians in Rambo II or the hulking Soviet boxer in Rocky IV that gave the impression that Stallone harbours strong feelings about Moscow.

"I used to think I did," he said. "I understand 'glasnost,' and the Soviets' need to do this. ... I'm all for 'glasnost.' I think

the (Soviet) military branch is totally out of line, and they've made mistakes, and this is their Vietnam."

Perhaps the real villain in Rambo's world is the US government.

In First Blood, which became a film in 1982, Rambo wages war against a scoundrel who was a decorated hero of the Korean war. The story ends with an innocent American town in flames.

In Rambo II, he was stranded in enemy territory by a cynical, lying, high-level bureaucrat who was covering up knowledge of American prisoners in Vietnam.

The worst that can be said of the US embassy official in Rambo III is that he's a little brusque.

In the first book, Morrell had this explanation for Rambo's rage:

"He had killed a great many people, and he could pretend their deaths were necessary because they were all a part of what was pushing him, making it impossible for someone like him to get along. But he did not totally believe it. He had enjoyed the fight too much."

Hamlet

The Rambo of the books has a Hamlet streak, to kill or not to kill. But Stallone's Rambo won't talk about self-defence or justifiable wars. His audience, he says, doesn't want lectures.

"They know the essence of the character, and they know what he does best and they want to get to it," he says.

Stallone is already thinking about "Rambo IV," scouting the globe for a crisis where one mean dude could lend a hand.

"Panama is leading up to be a very interesting situation," says Stallone, who regards Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega as the perfect villain.

"Could you cast a better man? Seriously? I mean, he's god-sent — good guy, bad guy, the face, the looks, his own private army, the drugs. I mean, the canal, itself, the importance, incredible. That's a scenario."

So back to the jungle?

"Yeah, go down and teach him how to breakdance," Stallone growls.

"Have a little rap session at Noriega's bouse this weekend."



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Labour leader, among others. Both men had garnered strong support among film community Democrats, who appeared to be preparing lavish fund-raising events.

Hayden, when asked what impact Hollywood had had so far on the presidential contest, replied shortly: "None."

If things don't get going, the Democratic cause can expect vocal public support from stars such as Walter Matthau, Telly Savalas, Cher, Marge Kidder, Roberta Flack, Teri Garr, Richard Gere and, of course, Streisand and Fonda.

Republican activists in Hollywood have always been more reserved than the Democrats, and that Vice-President Bush appears to have the nomination in the bag seems to have made them all the quieter.

But Bush, like Ronald Reagan before him, knows that he can always rely on both the financial and public support of Gene Autry, the Singing Cowboy, whose shrewd investments have made him one of Hollywood's wealthiest men.

## Star turn-out expected for US elections

Jane Fonda and her politician husband, Tom Hayden, were invited to a series of high-profile fund-raising events.

Other stars were expected to turn up in force at the first Jackson and Dukakis foray into California over the past couple of weeks. But the candidates have been disappointed.

Some party workers believe Hollywood feels that it was "burned" by the fiasco of Gary Hart's on-off withdrawal and by Senator Joseph Biden bowing out amid charges of plagiarising speeches by Kinnock, the

## 'Little Dorrit' comes to the screen

As many as 70 feature films have now been made of the novels of the 19th century English writer, Charles Dickens. The latest 'Little Dorrit,' a £5 million production, reinforces a long tradition of fine cinematic adaptations of his work.

By Adrian Sibley

The new film of Little Dorrit is a rare and ambitious achievement. Taking one of Charles Dickens' lesser-known novels, director and writer Christopher Eccleston has created six hours of meticulously crafted period cinema, filmed in and around a single studio converted from a derelict warehouse in London's East End, on a comparatively small budget by Hollywood standards.

Eccleston's company, Sands Films, runs together with her producer-husband Richard Goodwin, based in Rotherhithe, part of London's newly fashionable docklands area. Four years in the making, Little Dorrit, which consists of two complementary films, each lasting three hours, was filmed over a nine-month period using a cast of 200 on a budget of £5 million. Yet the cast list reads like a roll call of the best British acting talent, including Sir Alec Guinness, the late Joan Greenwood, Derek Jacobi, Roshan Seth and Cyril Cusack.

Charles Dickens needs no introduction. His huge array of characters is a trademark and continual source of fascination. His classic novels have long transferred to the screen with considerable success. There have been over 70 filmed versions of his work through the history of cinema. The director David Lean once hailed him as "the perfect screenwriter," although Dickens wrote half a century before film-making properly commenced.

Dickens's ability to combine a story with vivid characters and incident, often in satisfactory resolved narratives that are accessible to all, makes his books ripe for the transfer from word to film.

But this peculiarly British novelist's most contemporaneously relevant novel "Little Dorrit" — another greater writer, George Bernard Shaw, claimed it alone converted him to socialism — has only been filmed twice before.

### Complex

The first time in 1920, was orchestrated by writer/director Sidney Morgan, the second, in 1933, was made in Germany with Anny Ondra in the title role. Neither film is well known. Yet Eccleston believes the book is "one of the richest of Dickens's novels and one of the closest to today."

She faced a difficult task in adapting the long and often complex novel, originally serialised for an eager 19th century public. She took the effective and original route of adapting it for the screen by dropping a villain (Blandois) and Arthur Clennam's twin brother, and dividing the film into two parts: "Nobody's Fault" and "Little Dorrit."

This daring division of Dick-

for street scenes and exteriors, was especially laid with cobblestones. All of the 250 costumes required for the gigantic cast were made over a two-year period before production commenced, using a staff of 25 to handweave genuine fabrics in the quest to recreate the England of the 1840s.

The film took a year to cast, but eventually Eccleston and Goodwin, a co-producer of David Lean's "A Passage to India" and various Agatha Christie adaptations, were assisted by some of Britain's finest actors. Alec Guinness's portrav of the noble and durably spirited William Dorrit marks 40 years as one of Britain's, and the world's top film actors.

His Dickensian roles came early in his long career with the pre-World War II stage production of "Great Expectations" which inspired David Lean to make a screen version of 1946. The successful partnership of Lean and Guinness continued with "Oliver Twist" in which Guinness played Fagin, and, mostly recently, "A Passage to India."

His performance is one of quiet skill and control, capturing the heart of a proud man whose 25 years of captivity have not diminished his dignity.

This cottage industry approach to film-making seems to have paid off. The accuracy in recreating the past is coupled with an extremely high standard of performances. Aside from Guinness, Derek Jacobi provides a sturdy backbone to both parts of the film. Miriam Margolyes's babbling Flora, Clennam's childhood sweetheart, and Sarah Pickering's purposeful heroine, Little Dorrit, represent acting of the highest order.

Eccleston, backed by the atmospheric music of Verdi, has achieved a startling adaptation which breaks out of the confines of her small London studio. A daunting six hours of Dickens has proved a critical and commercial success allowing its audience to enter and appreciate a long lost world.



Newcomer Sarah Pickering as Little Dorrit in a scene from the film.

## Rossellini seeks acceptance as a serious actress

By Matthew Heller

LOS ANGELES, (Reuters): "People are now talking to me as an actress," says Isabella Rossellini, daughter of the late Ingrid Bergman. "They're not asking, 'what makes you think you can act?'"

Rossellini, who has had to make the difficult transition from a huge successful modelling career and step out from the shadow of her mother, attributes this breakthrough to a role many said would doom her as an actress.

In the erotic mystery Blue Velvet, she played nightclub singer Dorothy Vallens who enacts an elaborate sadomasochistic ritual with a psychopath (Dennis Hopper) and makes him strip at knifepoint. In another scene she was shown nude.

Blue Velvet did one great thing for me... it has really given me a reputation as an actress," Rossellini said in a recent interview.

The latest opportunity for Rossellini, one of the world's highest-paid models thanks to her contract with the perfume and cosmetics company Lan-

come, to show how she can act is the film "Zelly and Me".

She plays Zelly, the French governess of a young, orphaned girl who is trying to break free from the overbearing yoke of her grandmother (Glynis Johns). David Lynch, director of Blue Velvet, makes her acting debut as Zelly's suitor.

The film is another offbeat choice for Rossellini who has also appeared in the quirky "Tough Guys Don't Dance," the feature film directing debut of author Norman Mailer, and Siesta, in which she played the wife of a Spanish trapeze artist.

"Basically, I don't get those mainstream scripts," she said with a shrug. "Maybe I have a European point of view."

Rossellini, the child of Bergman and Italian film director Roberto Rossellini, whose adulterous affair scandalised Hollywood in the late 1940s, was raised in Europe and her English still carries a strong Italian accent.

She started her acting career in 1976 in *A Matter of Time*, playing a nun who attends the dying Ingrid Bergman character, and got good reviews for the Italian film *The Meadow*.

Isabella Rossellini, daughter of the late Ingrid Bergman has had to make a difficult transition from being a model to an actress.

three years later.

Then followed a long acting hiatus that some attributed to respect for her mother, who died in 1982. Rossellini, whose uncanny resemblance to Bergman even extends to the same air of serenity and the throaty laugh, has another explanation.

"I started working in Italy and then came to America," she recalled. "They told me I was a foreigner and Ingrid Bergman's daughter and everything was wrong for me to make it as an actress."

She said she was most proud of her work in Blue Velvet and Zelly and Me because she understood the characters.

"My character in Blue Velvet is so emotionally stressed and disturbed that she inflicts pain on herself. This film (Zelly and Me) tells the story of how when you are emotionally disturbed and lose love for yourself, you can start punishing yourself."

"What I like is not so much neurotic but directors who have a very strong opinion and style," she said. "When I read the script for Zelly, I said, 'my god, this girl [writer-director Tina Rathbone] has guts.'"

Rossellini added that whom she works with on a film counts for far more than commercial success. Tough Guys Don't Dance and Siesta had little box-office impact.

"I loved the film ('Tough Guys')" she said. "Ten years from now, I can look back and say I made a film with Norman Mailer... in the long run, you can't go wrong if you work with people who have incredible talent."

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## SPORTS

PIRATES TAKE BRAVES TO TASK

## Davis takes Astros past Cardinals

NEW YORK, May 31, (AP): Scott Terry's pitch was good. Glenn Davis didn't care and wasn't bothered.

Davis opened the eighth inning with his 11th Homer of the season, breaking a 4-4 tie and leading the Houston Astros to a 5-4 victory last night over the St. Louis Cardinals.

"I didn't think anyone could hit that pitch out," Terry said. "Ninety-five per cent of the time that's a good pitch."

Davis agreed that Terry, 2-3, had not made a mistake.

"It was a pretty good pitch, but I hit it pretty good," Davis said.

Davis is tied for third in the National League in homers. He has 40 runs batted in, second-most in the NL behind Barry Bonds of Pittsburgh.

Jim Deshaies, 4-2, won his third straight, allowing five hits in eight innings. Dave Smith pitched a perfect ninth for his 10th save.

Jose Oquendo hit a three-run homer, his third in 984 career at-bats.

Pirates 14, Braves 2

Pitcher Doug Drabek tripled home a pair of runs in a six-run fifth inning and allowed eight hits over eight innings.

Drabek, 5-3, walked none and struck out two before Barry Jones pitched the ninth. Pete Smith, 1-5, lost his fourth straight.

Cubs 12, Reds 3

Emergency starter Les Lancaster pitched his first Major League complete game and Ryne Sandberg's three-run homer highlighted a six-run second inning.

Lancaster, 3-4, started because of injuries to Rick Sut-



Red's Dave Collins (right) manages to avoid a tag by Cubs' first baseman Mark Grace. (Reuter wirephoto)

cliffe, Al Nipper, Bob Tewksbury and Scott Sanderson. Lancaster allowed 11 hits, walked one and struck out four in his seventh Major League start.

Phillies 7, Padres 3

Juan Samuel had three hits and drove in three runs and the Philadelphia Phillies rallied for four runs in the sixth inning to win their fourth straight.

Shane Rawley, 4-5, allowed seven hits, struck out eight and

walked five in pitching his second complete game of the season.

Expos 3, Giants 2

Tim Raines hit a two-run, two-out single off Al Lee Hammaker in the ninth inning to send San Francisco to its fourth straight loss.

Andy McGuffigan, 3-0, pitched an inning of perfect relief for the victory.

Astros 5, Cardinals 4

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eighth-inning Homer and Jim Deshaies allowed five hits in eight innings.

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Mets 3, Dodgers 2

Ron Darling allowed six hits in 8-2-3 innings in a rain-delayed game between division leaders.

Darling, 6-3, struck out nine and walked two. Randy Myers got the final out for his eighth

save. John Shelby hit an RBI double in the fourth and boomed in the ninth to extend his hitting streak to 15 games.

Indians 4, Royals 1

Another pitcher from Texas, Cleveland's Greg Swindell, held Kansas City hillless for 6-2-3 innings and became the Major Leagues' first 10-game winner. Swindell, 10-1, walked the game's first batter, Kurt Stillwell, and then retired the next 20 batters before Danny Tarhull singled with two outs in the seventh and scored on singles by Kevin Seitzer and Bo Jackson.

Athletics 3, Yankees 2

Dave Henderson led off the bottom of the 14th with his sixth home run of the season, giving Oakland its sixth consecutive victory. Henderson connected off Steve Shields, 0-2, after the fourth New York pitcher had worked three perfect innings. Dennis Eckersley, 1-1, Oakland's fifth pitcher, went two innings for the victory.

Rangers 6, Twins 1

Jeff Russell, 4-0, allowed six hits in eight innings and Larry Parrish hit a two-run double as Texas ended Minnesota's eight-game winning streak. Bert Blyleven, 3-5, lasted 4-1-3 innings but struck out five to move past Phil Niekro into seventh place on the all-time list with 3,343.

Results

American League	
Cleveland	4
Texas	6
Montreal	4
Oakland	10
Boston	5
Seattle	4
National League	
Pittsburgh	14
Chicago	12
Montreal	7
New York	3
Houston	5
St. Louis	4



Bird (left) beats Pistons' Dennis Rodman to the ball. (Reuter wirephoto)

## ATHLETICS

Joyner-Kersee to concentrate on heptathlon

SAN JOSE, Calif., May 31, (Reuter): Jackie Joyner-Kersee knows it's time to start putting the package together again.

So this week, in the hours before the top collegians in the United States meet in their National Championships at Eugene, Oregon, Joyner-Kersee will concentrate on the least glamorous heptathlon disciplines as she begins preparations for the Seoul Olympics and a summer assault on her world record of 7,158 points.

"I'm going to work on my distance event," Joyner-Kersee said in a joking reference in the 800 metres, the heptathlon events for the Seoul Olympics and a summer assault on her world record of 7,158 points.

In last year's World Championships, 10 of the 18 finishers posted faster times over 800 metres than Joyner-Kersee, the exhausted overall winner.

Her husband and coach, Bob Kersee, believes she can score 7,400 points this year, but Joyner-Kersee has a more realistic goal of 7,230.

Practices

The week ahead will give some indication of where she stands as she practices her throws in the shot and javelin and works on her best event — the long jump.

There will be workouts in the 100-metre hurdles. Joyner-Kersee already has proven what she can do in that event this year.

Twice this month she either broke or tied the American record as she and training partner Gail Devers brought the United States a bit more respectability in the race.

Before this season, the US record was a paltry 12.79 seconds, light years from the world mark of 12.25 seconds by Bulgaria's Ginka Zagorcheva.

But last Saturday in the Grand Prix meet in San Jose, Joyner-Kersee skinned over the barriers in 12.61 seconds to tie Devers' week-old US record.

"She got out very well but she floated a little bit in the middle and she didn't run off the last hurdle, but the early part was very good," coach Kersee said in a quick analysis.

Joyner-Kersee called her efforts over the concluding three hurdles "sloppy."

But the showing was good enough that Joyner-Kersee said she now believes a time of 12.45 seconds is possible for her in the event. That would put her among the world's best.

Likely

She already has claimed that honour in the long jump, equaling East German Heike Drechsler's world record of 7.45 metres at the Pan American Games in Indianapolis last year.

She will take a break from training on June 25 to long jump at San Diego, and will likely throw the shot and javelin in a few all-comers meetings.

But Joyner-Kersee's primary emphasis for the next month will be to prepare for the July 15-23, US Olympic trials in Indianapolis, where she hopes to make the team in both the heptathlon and long jump.

"We've started her training later this year because the Olympics are late," Kersee said. "But I think she's on schedule now."

## Johnson out until August with injury

TORONTO, May 31, (Reuter): The injury to Ben Johnson's leg is more serious than originally believed and will keep the world's fastest man out of action until six weeks before the Olympics, a Canadian athletics spokeswoman said yesterday.

Johnson, the 100-metre world record holder, is not expected to return to competition until the Canadian Athletics Championships begin August 5. Canadian Track and Field Association spokeswoman Brenda Bedard said.

Suffered

"They originally thought it was a muscle problem," said Bedard, of the injury Johnson suffered in a race earlier this year in Tokyo.

It turned out, however, that Johnson injured a tendon in his left leg, Bedard said.

"With any athlete other than a sprinter it wouldn't be that serious," she said.

Johnson was to have competed in six races in Europe next month, including a June 27 showdown in Paris against American Carl Lewis, which was to be the first of three pre-Olympic races between the world's two premier sprinters.

## Non-title fight

HOUSTON, May 31, (UPI): Frank Tate, the International Boxing Federation's Middleweight champion, yesterday scored a unanimous decision over Sanderline Williams in a non-title bout.

## Crowe hits second successive ton

LONDON, May 31, (Reuter): New Zealand Test batsman Martin Crowe struck his second successive century in the English County Cricket Championship with an unbeaten 136 for Somerset against Lancashire at Old Trafford yesterday.

Crowe, who had scored 132 against Worcestershire, hit a six and 19 fours in his 209-minute innings before Somerset captain Vic Marks declared at 273 for five, 56 runs behind Lancashire's first-innings total. Lancashire were 25 for two at the close.

### Suspected

Dennis Lillee, Northamptonshire's Australian fast bowler, was carried off with suspected damaged ankle ligaments after slipping in the field against Leicestershire at Northampton.

Northamptonshire suffered a second injury blow when Alan Walker was forced to go off with a thigh injury after taking three for 40.

But Leicestershire were dismissed for 143 with David Capel claiming four for 40 and had to follow on. They finished the day at 117 for two in their second innings, still 67 runs adrift.

Chris Smith, South African-born former England Test batsman, steamed Hampshire with a stunner unbroken 129 after



Crowe: smashed an unbeaten 136

Yorkshire had claimed a first innings lead of 109 and taken three second innings wickets for 31 at Middlesbrough. Hampshire were 129 for four

at the close.

Derbyshire pacemen Ole Mortensen and Devon Malcolm claimed three wickets apiece as Nottinghamshire slumped from

an overnight 124 for four to 184 all out, with Dane Mortensen finishing with an innings analysis of five for 24.

Notts, 41 ahead on first innings, had Derbyshire struggling at 32 for three but Peter Bowler halted the slide with a patient undefeated 61 as his side ended the day at 122 without further loss.

Rain ruled out play in the matinee between Essex and Surrey, with Surrey leading 129-2 for 10 overs and Middlesex and Sussex 128-2.

At Old Trafford: Lancashire 329 for nine declared in 110 overs (V. Marks five for 91 and 29 for 4). Smith 72 not out. Yorkshire 130 in 62.2 overs and 129 for four (C. Smith 72 not out). Yorkshire 239 in 89.5 overs (P. Carrick 46 not out, M. Moxon 40).

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

## YRC tourney

THE semifinals of the YRC Football Tournament will be held on June 3, 1988, at the Sour Ground as follows: 6:15 am Salente United Vs. Rising Stars and 7:45 am Goa Maroons Vs. Incredible Sports Club.

## Nacional win

MONTEVIDEO, May 31, (Reuter): Nacional of Uruguay beat Brazil's Cruzeiro 1-2 (half-time 1-0) in the first leg of their South American Supercup semifinal yesterday.

## Crowd trouble

GENEVA, May 31, (Reuter): Crowd trouble during the first leg of the European Under-21 Soccer Championship final in Athens a week ago will be investigated by the European Football Union's (UEFA) disciplinary committee.

## Milk race

BOURNEMOUTH, England, May 31, (AP): French cyclist Philippe Casado won the first stage of the Milk race yesterday to take the overall lead by two seconds. On the opening day of the round-Britain race he led in a strong-out bunch to win a sprint finish to a 116-mile (186 kms) first leg ahead of Soviet Ivan Ivanov.

## Swim meet

BOCA RATON, Florida, May 31, (UPI): Janelle Elford won the 800-metre freestyle yesterday, leading the Australian Olympic team to victory in the Sundoon to Seoul international swim meet.

## Argentine star

MADRID, May 31, (Reuter): Argentine international forward Jorge Valdano said today he was giving up playing soccer to become part of the coaching team at Spanish League champions Real Madrid.

## TV rights

LONDON, May 31, (UPI): The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) announced here yesterday it has signed an agreement with Nippon Television Corporation to be the exclusive host broadcaster of the 1991 World Track and Field Championships which will be held in Tokyo from August 24-Sept 1. Nippon also has exclusive Japanese TV rights for the World Athletic Series 1988-1991.

## England games

BONN, May 31, (Reuter): The sale of tickets for England games during the European Soccer Championship finals will be banned on match days in a bid to avoid crowd trouble, the organising committee said today.

## Soviet squad

MOSCOW, May 31, (Reuter): Igor Dohrovsky, the young attacking midfielder from Moscow Dynamo, has been unexpectedly dropped from the final 20-man Soviet squad for the European Soccer Championships in West Germany.

## PROVIS EDGES PAST SANCHEZ

## Sabatini to meet Graf in semifinals

PARIS, May 31, (Reuter): Gabriela Sabatini capitalised on a brief on-break of dry weather today — though storms of a different nature continued on-court — to join continuing champion Steffi Graf in the semifinals of the French Open.

The 18-year-old Argentine completed a 4-6 6-1 6-3 victory over Canadian number one Helen Kelesi in a delayed quarterfinal match which ended on a controversial note following a disputed line call shortly before rain returned to Roland Garros.

## Appeared

Serving at 3-5 and 40-40 in the final set, the Canadian hit a forehand which appeared to land just outside the baseline but the rally continued when the linesman signalled the ball was good.

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